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Report-card pilot project scrapped — at least for now

'Variety of reactions.' Teachers, parents divided on word-based grading

Calgary's public school board is shelving plans to introduce word-based grades like "evident" and "emerging" on report cards for kindergarten to Grade 9 students this school year in the face of heated criticism from many parents.

Metro learned exclusively Thursday that a pilot project to introduce the changes to student assessment is being cancelled to allow more time to discuss the move with parents, teachers and students.

"Whatever grading system they (educators) are using right now, we're not changing indicators," Naomi Johnson, chief superintendent with the Calgary Board of Education, said in an interview. "We're not using the words ... people are going to be using whatever they have used in the past."

The CBE will also require teacher comments to be included on all report cards — those would have been scrapped in the pilot project — but will reduce the required number of assessment forms sent home annually from three to two to reduce workload on teachers, Johnson said.

Comments will also only have to be provided in the areas of personal development, character, and citizenship once per year, according to a notice set to be posted to the CBE's website Friday morning.

The move comes in the face of criticism from many parents, who said they found the wording vague and questioned whether it would actually allow middle-school students to gauge where they stood prior to entering the critical high-school years.

Larry Leach, a father and school trustee candidate in wards 5 and 10 in the upcoming municipal election, said he's heard support for the move from some educators, but staunch resistance from parents. He said the biggest issue was a lack of consultation with the public.

"The high schools should have a buy-in on what they need to see in the report cards, parents should have a buy-in on what they need to see in a report card and, you know, there's always universities and colleges that should probably have a bit of a chair at the table as well," he said.

Johnson said she still sees a need for changes to student assessment, noting CBE schools currently offer 27 different types of report cards. She said there's currently no timeline for when any new changes will be proposed. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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Apology

Coca-Cola cancels promotion after 'You Retard' cap

Coca-Cola issued a written apology Thursday to the Alberta family that found a vitaminwater cap bearing the words "You Retard," placed as part of a promotion the company has now cancelled.

"This word should not have been included due to the English connotations," David Thomson, vice-president of still beverages for Coca-Cola Canada, wrote in a Sept. 19 letter to Doug Loates.

"This includes cancelling the promotion, stopping production of bottles with these caps and destroying any remaining caps within our inventory."

The nationwide promotion saw a random English word followed by a random French word written on the inside of bottle caps. "Retard" had made the list of appropriate French words — it means "delay."

Doug Loates, father of Blake Loates, an Edmonton woman who brought the cap to light this week, said he's satisfied.

"I am happy with the results and I have to believe this was an accident."

While his daughter Blake was the first to take a stand for the sake of her 11-year-old sister, Fiona, it was her father who has led the charge.

"Sometimes you have to take it on the chin while you facilitate a little bit of change," he said.

For her part, Blake said Thursday, "I just wanted the word taken out of circulation, but Coke has gone above and beyond to fix this."

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Expansion of the Grey Eagle Casino on Tsuu T'ina Nation will likely drive more traffic to the area, increasing the need for a southwest leg of the ring road. Tsuu T'ina members will vote on a new proposal for the road Oct. 24. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Nenshi deems road deal a 'win-win-win'

Southwest ring road. Tsuu T'ina Nation members will vote on the proposal Oct. 24

Calgary's mayor and community members are cautiously optimistic after word surfaced Wednesday that the neighbouring Tsuu T'ina Nation will vote on a new proposal for the southwest ring road.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Thursday it was not his place to delve into specifics of the tentative agreement struck between band members and the province, but added the city's connection points to the major roadway would be similar to ones proposed in a 2009 deal rejected by Tsuu T'ina residents.

"I know about the broad strokes," Nenshi said. "I think it's a win-win-win: A win for the City of Calgary, a win for the Nation and a win for the province."

The 2009 deal proposed transferring 988 acres of Tsuu T'ina land to build the ring road and utility corridor in exchange for $275 million and up to 4,858 acres of Crown land in return.

Provincial Transportation Minister Ric McIver said Wednesday that the deal, even if approved by Tsuu T'ina members in a planned Oct. 24 vote, would still require approval from the Canadian government, which could take anywhere from two weeks to two years.

After the 2009 deal was rejected, the city and province explored other routes to complete the ring road, including running it through the environmentally sensitive Weaselhead area. But community members heavily opposed the move and eventually it was dropped.

Reached Thursday, Amy Lonsberry, president of the Lakeview Community Association, congratulated the province and Nation for reaching a tentative deal but added there's still work to be done.

"We know that they're here now, but we're not totally sure where here is," she said.

"The one thing I can say for certain is the residents in Lakeview certainly appreciate the kind of continued effort that's gone into this. You know, patience is called for and we're just going to wait and see."

JEREMY NOLAIS & GLENN KELLY/METRO, WITH FILES FROM DARREN KRAUSE

Failure and success

Nearly 80 per cent of Tsuu T'ina members voted against the 2009 ring-road deal.

- The southeast portion of the ring road is scheduled to open in October.

Infrastructure

Better bridges eyed on flood-hit Elbow River

Calgary's Riverdale bridge is seen in shambles earlier this summer after the June floods. METRO FILE

Replacement bridges being planned along Calgary's flood-ravaged Elbow River will be stronger, wider and possibly even taller, according to a project manager.

Crews have now removed what was left of spans in Rideau, Riverdale and at Sandy Beach — all three were torn and twisted by historic river flows in June.

Now, design work will get underway over the winter, according to project manager Charmaine Buhler. She said an ideal solution would be to erect the bridges at a higher grade, well over the raging waters below, but added such a move is at the mercy of surrounding landscape and access points.

Buhler added the city's also looking at making the bridges wider — and, as a result, more pedestrian friendly — and will weigh the merits of methods to make the spans stronger.

"That will be determined through the engineering process, whether we want to go with a structure with more flexibility so that it would actually move (with the river), or do we want to go with something more rigid," she said.

Buhler said the intention is to begin reconstruction of the bridges in 2014, but added that environmental regulations prevent such work from occurring during fragile fish-hatching periods in the Elbow below.

"We will try to do it as quickly as possible ... I'm not going to commit to a date," she said.

Residents can offer input on how the bridges should look going forward by filling out a survey online at calgary.ca. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Residents to sleep easier with rail-shop closure

Inglewood. People say noise from Alyth Yard CP maintenance facility was worst from 1 to 5 a.m.

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Inglewood residents long concerned with nighttime noise celebrated Thursday after CP Rail announced it would shut down its locomotive maintenance facility at Alyth Yard in the wake of a federal order that the company cease 24-hour operations at the site.

"We had a lot of sleepless nights as a result of CP Rail's noise," said Rebecca O'Brien, who lives directly across from the southeast train yard. "Really, it has been intolerable at times."

Quoted

"Over the past decades, CP has altered its operations for business reasons, to meet challenges in customer demand, but also to try to address feedback from local area residents. We have made operational changes over the years to try to ensure we were working with the local community as best we could."

CP Rail spokesman Ed Greenberg

Following numerous complaints from area residents over a span of years, the Canadian Transportation Agency ruled on Sept. 13 that CP Rail must cease its "load testing" and idling operations from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

CP Rail then announced on Thursday it would simply begin shutting down the facility and moving operations elsewhere, as the order poses "productivity challenges" for the company.

"It fails to recognize our railway's 24-7 operational requirements," CP Rail spokesman Ed Greenberg said. "It restricts our ability to provide service to our customers not only here in Calgary but across North America."

The closure will result in the loss of about 130 local jobs. Greenberg said workers will be given the chance to transfer with their positions to other communities along the rail network.

Ald. Gian-Carlo Carra said "nobody wants to see Calgary jobs go away," but described the development as "a big win for the community" and a "big win for democracy."

Lara Murphy, who has been working with a group of area residents for the past three and a half years to cut down on nighttime noise at the facility, said she was sad to hear about the local job losses but relieved by the prospect of newfound overnight peace.

"The noise is like an airplane in your backyard," she said. "I have quadruple-paned glass on my bedroom window. We sleep with earplugs."

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From left: Inglewood residents Nancy McNichol, Livia Kolbe, Lara Murphy, Jennifer Bysterveld, L.T. Robertson and Sonja Bogdanovska. Bysterveld is holding a copy of the original, 600-page complaint community members submitted to the Canadian Transportation Agency over noise from the CP Rail maintenance facility at Alyth Yard. GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO

Emergencies. Provincial probe sought into 911 outage

Firefighters roamed city streets in search of emergencies and police took reports from citizens over Twitter for several hours as telephone problems affected 911 service in Calgary late Wednesday and early Thursday.

"There was an issue within Telus' network for about two and a half hours," Telus spokesman Chris Gerritsen confirmed Thursday, adding the company is still investigating the incident.

"Calls were getting through to 911, however, due to the sporadic nature of the outage, some Albertans may have had trouble connecting. Some other non-emergency lines were affected as well."

Officials believe no major incidents were missed as a result of the outage, but the seriousness of the situation prompted the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) to seek a provincial investigation.

"As the evening went on, we became more concerned that there was in fact no quick solution to this," said CEMA deputy chief Len MacCharles. "We have ... raised our concerns to the Alberta Emergency Management Agency to move on to request the minister (of municipal affairs) to investigate exactly what has taken place."

Supt. James Hardy said police relied on the Internet and communication tools like Twitter while the phone service was affected.

"We were monitoring social media," he said.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Firefighters on patrol

- Deputy fire Chief Ken Uzeloc said lights were turned on in fire halls and firefighters drove around in a "random" fashion while the 911 service was down.
- The goal was to make themselves as visible as possible to take reports in person, if necessary, Uzeloc said.

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Alberta moves to protect hawks. Oil well company asked to stop activity

The Alberta government has swooped down on an oil company to protect a nest of threatened hawks.

The province says it has ordered Calgary-based Crew Energy Inc. to stop operating an oil well near Suffield in southern Alberta.

The government says the well is too close to a nest of ferruginous hawks, which are protected under the federal Species At Risk Act.

The province says it has also cancelled the company's mineral surface lease at the site. Alberta law prohibits high-risk developments within 1,000 metres of active nests to protect the birds.

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A sellout

Calgary police K-9 calendars back by popular demand

Huge initial demand forced the Calgary police service to get a second run of a popular calendar that showcased the city's K-9 unit.

The second batch of 2014 Calgary Police Service canine unit calendars are now available online and in selected local businesses.

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- The $10 calendars are available for purchase online at calgarypolice.ca or calgarypolice-foundation.com.

Only 1,500 additional copies were printed of the charity calendar, with proceeds going directly to the Calgary Police Foundation. The first batch of 2,500 calendars sold out within 48 hours.

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Since June's floods, if there's been a way to raise money, Calgarians have done it. There were benefit concerts, Tim Hortons Alberta Rose doughnuts, books, paintings, earrings, and countless lemonade stands. All of that has amounted to some staggering numbers. The Red Cross has spent about $9.5 million of the $32 million donated. And the Calgary Foundation, which benefited from the two charity concerts and donations from its donors, has collected more than $6 million. In the coming weeks, they'll begin taking applications for their flood-rebuilding fund. Both organizations are still accepting donations.

Of course, the devastation is still rampant throughout southern Alberta. Just a few blocks from Calgary's downtown core lies a battered and bruised Mission. Its gutted apartments and buildings are stark and silent reminders of the struggles many still face in this city. Joanna Tzavaras lost everything when the Elbow River's raging waters washed away both her Mission home and her floral businesses. Since then, she's relied more on the generosity of friends than she has on the money Albertans have been raising — of which she's only received the $1,250 Government of Alberta debit card. (In fact, beyond government aid, she's not eligible for most of the money we've raised anyway. So when you give your money to Alberta flood relief, do you actually know where it ends up? Truthfully, you're better off giving money to Joanna directly.)

Regardless, that hasn't stopped eager event organizers from planning Alberta flood relief fundraiser after fundraiser. But all these fundraisers have, unfortunately, diverted attention and money away from other Calgary non-profits, which require our donations to remain operational.

On Sept. 12, the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations released a survey stating that many non-profits are concerned about lost revenue due to the floods, particularly from individual and corporate donations. For example, money raised at this year's Easter Seals Drop Zone were down 45 per cent compared to last year.

The fact of the matter is that while it was relatively easy to donate to flood relief — whether through charitable events or a text message from your cell phone — many Calgarians only have so much money to donate. So if they've allocated all their money to flood relief, that leaves many non-profits with big concerns for their future.

There's nothing wrong with people being abundantly charitable, but as those affected by the floods continue to wait for much-needed financial assistance from the government and charitable organizations, it's crucial that we also focus on those Calgarians and Albertans who have always needed our help.

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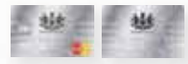

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Owner charged after pit bull bites child, attacks another

Bylaw investigation. Dog terrorizes kids on way home from school in N.W. Calgary

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Calgary bylaw officers have laid three charges against the owner of a pit bull that bit one child and attacked another in the northwest community of Ranchlands.

The incident happened Tuesday afternoon around 3:30 p.m. as Asif Sharif's son Musdafa was walking home from school. The 11-year-old was left with a single puncture wound on his left leg, but Sharif worries his son's injuries could have been much worse.

"The dog should be leashed and should not be like a scavenger," he said Thursday while caring for Musdafa, who's been kept home from school as a precaution.

Asif said he worries about whether the dog was properly vaccinated, adding he hadn't been able to get that information from city officials.

Another child also sustained scratch wounds from the dog and Asif said he's since learned another group walking home from school has also been attacked.

Both police and bylaw officers attended the scene Tuesday. Alvin Murray, bylaw operations manager, said, because the bite wound was only considered to be minor, officials did not seize the pit bull.

Still, he said the three charges laid should serve as a warning to other dog owners.

"The message is that the City of Calgary and Animal and Bylaw Services will hold pet owners responsible for the actions of their animals and will not tolerate aggressive behaviour from animals on people," he said.

Sharif said he's not seeking retribution against the animal or owners but added he hopes measures are taken to stop the dog from running free again.

"This a residential area," he said. "There are a lot of kids running around and playing on the streets ... it could be very dangerous."

Penalties

The owner of the attacking pit bull was charged with a dog biting a person, a dog threatening a person and having an unlicensed animal. Each charges carries a maximum fine of $10,000.

Musdafa Asif, 11, was attacked and bitten by a pit bull on his way home from school in the northwest community of Ranchlands. Inset: The bite wound is seen on Musdafa's leg. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Municipal election nomination process outlined

Barb Clifford, Calgary's chief election returning officer, hopes voters think ahead about what ID they will present on Oct. 21. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Calgary election staff are rapidly gearing up for nomination day and the inevitable Oct. 21 municipal ballot.

During a walk-through of changes to this year's elections proceedings Thursday, chief returning office Barb Clifford said about 170 people had signed out nomination papers, which she deemed an "average" number.

All serious candidates will be required to present 100 signatures to run for councillor or mayor and 25 signatures to run for school trustee as well as to pay designated fees on Monday morning.

"They cannot file before and they cannot file after I have announced that nominations have closed," Clifford said. Nominations close at 12 p.m. Monday.

The city also wants to make sure voters know of stricter rules governing acceptable identification at voting booths.

All electors will now be required to present documentation with their name and current address, where previously only a name and age was required. Electors cannot vouch for one another as they can in elections at other government levels.

A full list of acceptable identification documents is available at calgary.ca/election.

It appears all incumbent municipal candidates have now made their intentions known.

Two aldermen, Ward 1 representative Dale Hodges and Ward 2 representative Gord Lowe, will not seek another term in office and the same goes for Calgary Board of Education trustees Pat Cochrane and Carol Bazinet as well as Calgary Catholic School District trustee Lois Burke-Gaffney.

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Dr. Otto Vanderkooi listens to two-month-old Deacon's breathing while mom Lawna Hurl looks on. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Fighting a cough in the womb

Vaccine. Study hopes to protect infants without immunization

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Research taking place in Calgary may lead to babies being born with a degree of built-in immunity to whooping cough, after their mothers receive vaccines while pregnant.

"The primary goal of the study is to see if we can protect young infants — those too young to be actually immunized," said Dr. Otto Vanderkooi, a pediatric infectious disease specialist and researcher with the University of Calgary.

Typically, newborns aren't given their first whooping cough vaccination until the age of two months, Vanderkooi added, but there's reason to believe mothers can pass on the benefits of the vaccine to their unborn children. That approach is known to work with other vaccinations, he said, perhaps most notably against tetanus. Lawna Hurl volunteered to be part of the study and received an injection — either against whooping cough or a placebo — while pregnant with her son Deacon Gerlat, who was born on July 1.

She hopes her participation will lead to fewer cases of whooping cough among infants in the future.

"Hopefully that will help my friends that have kids in the future and my family and, of course, even when my kids have kids," she said.

The study is in need of more participants. Vanderkooi said interested women can call 403-955-2981 for more information.

Museum reopening. Free exhibit and masquerade offered Saturday

Calgary's Museum of Contemporary Art will reopen Saturday for the first time since late June's flood knocked out all its power.

"Fortunately, we received no damage — the flood waters got to within one inch of the top step but didn't go over," said Jeffrey Spalding, the museum's artistic director.

The downtime actually gave the museum a chance to give its "makeshift space" a more finished look with new drywall and paint, he added.

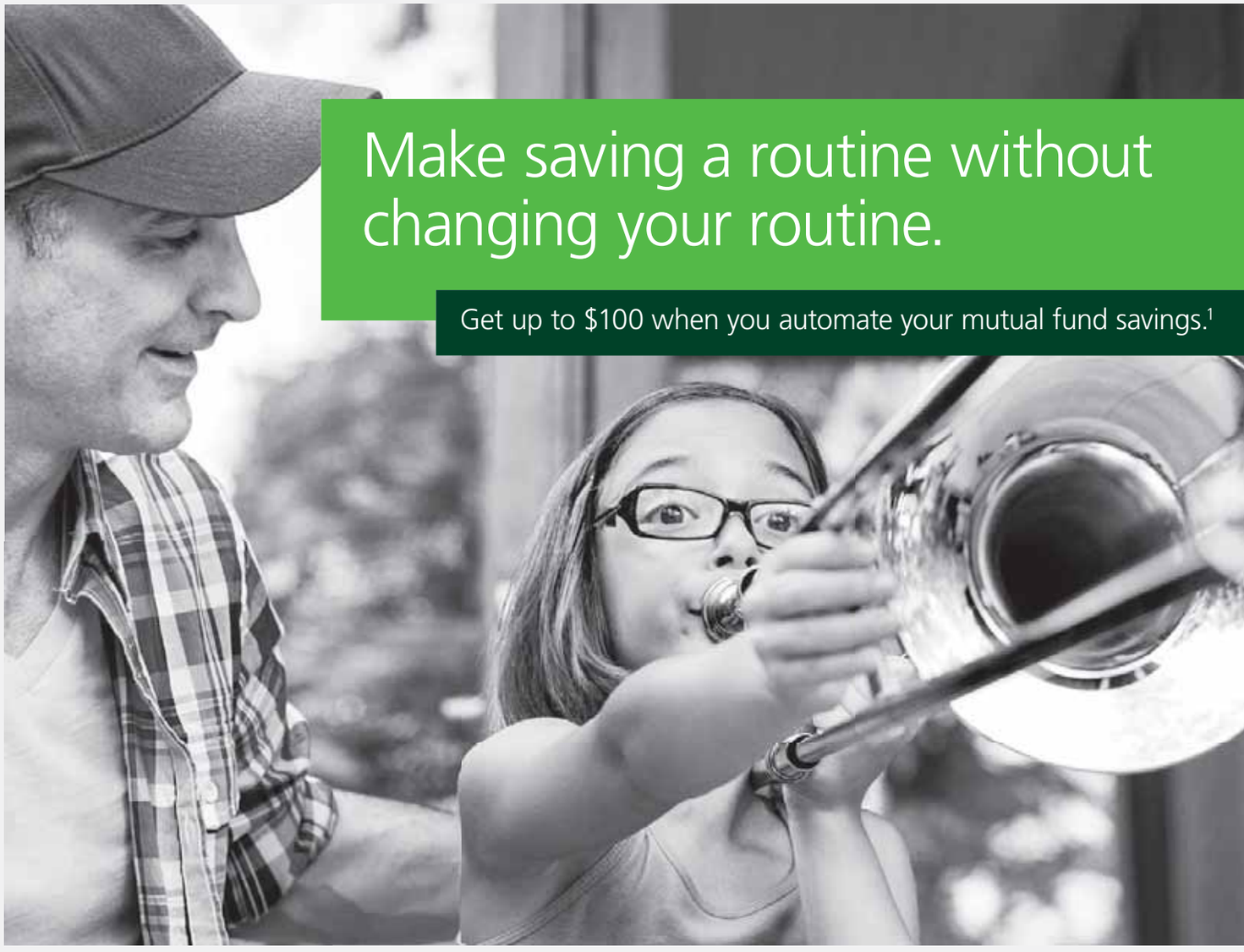
A new display will also open on Saturday, the Made in Calgary: 1980s Part 2 Exhibition, following Part 1's exhibition at the Glenbow Museum.

In conjunction with the reopening, Downtown Calgary is putting on a free outdoor "Autumn Masquerade" at the adjacent city hall plaza, including a Mercury Opera production of Fiamma.

"It's definitely a modern take on opera," said marketing manager Caralyn Macdonald. "There will be a live gypsy band, and there will be some special effects."

The museum and the masquerade are both free to attend, with the evening getting underway around 7:30 p.m. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Erin O'Neil, left, and Jimena Guerra help prepare the Calgary Museum of Contemporary Art Thursday for its reopening on Saturday. GLEN KELLY/METRO



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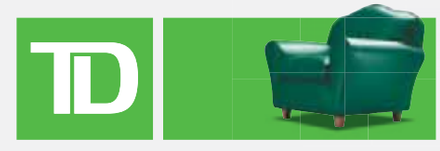

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University of Alberta.
Arts faculty may raise GPA, accept fewer students

The faculty of arts at the University of Alberta is exploring raising its entrance requirements and accepting fewer students, according to dean Lesley Cormack.

In addition, as the arts faculty moves through the process to cut 16 low-enrolment programs, Cormack said popular programs with high enrolment are next on the chopping block.

"What we're going to have to do is look at programs that have many students interested in them and we will have to come to some very hard decisions about things that can and cannot be offered anymore," Cormack said.

She added that an estimated eight per cent reduction in the number of staff in the arts faculty will impact the courses and programs staff are able to offer.

"We will just no longer be able to do these things that people have worked so hard to build up.... For example, we will find it very hard to continue to teach Canadian history. How can we be a university at this point in Canada and not teach Canadian history? That would be a travesty," she said.

Petros Kusmu, the president of the U of A's Students' Union, said he hopes students can play a role in discussions surrounding cuts to programs and classes at the institution.

"It's definitely going to be unbelievably unfortunate. It's just not going to be good. If students are a part of this conversation early on in the decision-making process, at least we can have the ability to raise our input," he said.

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

Voluntary severance

Cormack said more specific details will emerge once the arts faculty sorts though applications for the Voluntary Severance Program (VSP), which had "a large uptake."

Popularity of city pedicabs on the rise: Business owner

James Bartley, owner and co-founder of Rocky Mountain Pedicabs, said he has watched his business boom in recent years. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Passengers 'feel like royalty.' James Bartley put his fleet to work during June floods

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Calgary's pedicab appears to be on a roll.

James Bartley, owner of Rocky Mountain Pedicabs, said his business has picked up substantially in the last few yeas, with dozens of prospective drivers coming forward hoping to show their pedalling or pulling skills, and hundreds of customers eager to hop on for a ride.

"It's just gone crazy," said Bartley, who owns four pedicabs and four rickshaws. "Our guys love doing business here, but we also want to do our part for the community ... what's good for downtown Calgary is good for me."

Bartley's company headquarters in Mission was spared — barely — in the June flooding. He admits to counting his lucky stars for a moment or two, but soon partnered up with a restaurant owner and got his drivers out delivering sandwiches, banana bread and water to volunteers working in flooded areas where standard vehicles couldn't go.

Then came Rocky Mountain's busiest Calgary Stampede on record and Bartley said he's fielding inquiries from Lethbridge and Red Deer about his mobiles and recently did a test run with his drivers in Banff.

The cost to ride Rocky Mountain's mobiles is fluid and changes each season based on feedback from drivers. The going rate is currently $5 up front and then $2 per person per block after that.

Bartley doesn't operate the bikes himself, but keeps close watch over his drivers, even subjecting them to random breathalyzer tests. Since launching in 2005, he boasts a perfect safety record.

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Resource hub. New facility to become the SORCe for disadvantaged Calgarians

The city revealed the SORCe, or Safe Communities Opportunity and Resource Centre, at a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday.

The SORCe facility (pronounced "source") is part of a new grassroots initiative spearheaded by the Calgary Police Association in partnership with United Way, aimed at improving access to services and programs for vulnerable youth and adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The centre will offer shelter, employment training, mental-health resources and referrals to programs specific to each individual's needs, based on their current circumstances.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi called the facility a "community-changing initiative" and the first of a number of city-wide hubs that will offer assistance to Calgary's disadvantaged.

"It will be a major way to change the lives of so many in our community," said Nenshi.

The SORCe is located at the north side of the City Hall LRT platform and will be open from 8:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO

Mayor Naheed Nenshi calls the new SORCe (Safe Communities Opportunity and Resource Centre) facility a "community-changing initiative" that will encourage vulnerable Calgarians to seek assistance. GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO

Flood compensation

Alberta, Ottawa to share costs of RCMP damages

The Alberta and federal governments will share the cost of compensating people whose homes were damaged by RCMP in the flood-ravaged community of High River.

The town is to pay out approved damage claims and then apply to the provincial government for compensation.

Alberta officials say the province will then apply to share the costs with Ottawa under the federal Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangement.

During the June floods, police and other first responders broke some doors and windows of some homes and RCMP confiscated some firearms, which have since been returned.

Opposition Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith, who represents the High River area, says she is relieved to see the program.

Premier Alison Redford says people shouldn't be trying to make political hay out of the flood damage situation when the RCMP were just doing their jobs.

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Canada defends human-rights record at UN

Review. Envoy rejects calls for a national review to end violence against aboriginal women

Cuba, Iran, Belarus and Russia used a United Nations body Thursday to criticize Canada's human-rights record, as the Canadian envoy rejected calls to develop a comprehensive national review to end violence against aboriginal women.

Canada was responding Thursday to the UN Human Rights Council, which is conducting its Universal Periodic Review of Canada's rights record, on a wide range of issues from poverty, immigration and the criminal justice system.

Countries have their rights records reviewed every four years by the Geneva-based UN forum, but the Harper government has been skeptical in part because it allows countries with dubious rights records to criticize Canada. On Thursday, that happened again.

Cuba said it deplored Canada's rejection of one of its human-rights recommendations, while Iran took Canada to task for rejecting four that it had made.

Belarus blasted Canada for not doing enough to combat child prostitution, and said it should allow a series of UN special rapporteurs to come to Canada investigate various topics.

Russia said it was "bewildered" that Canada rejected a recommendation related to the "brutal beating" of a Russian national in a Calgary jail cell.

Quoted

"Canada is proud of its human-rights record, and our peaceful and diverse society."

Elissa Golberg, Canada's ambassador to the UN in Geneva

Canada's ambassador to the UN in Geneva, Elissa Golberg, offered a brief rebuttal to Belarus, saying it should allow UN rapporteurs to visit, but did not engage directly with the other countries that criticized Canada.

"Canada is proud of its human-rights record, and our peaceful and diverse society," Golberg told the session.

While no society is entirely free of discrimination, she noted, Canada has "a strong legal and policy framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, and an independent court system."

Recommendations from those countries were among the 40 of 162 that Canada chose to reject.

That also included a rejection of a series of resolutions calling on Canada to undertake sweeping national reviews of violence against aboriginal women.

Golberg said Canada takes the issue seriously and that provincial and local governments are better suited to getting results on those issues.

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Victoria. Google Street View captures Emergency Response Team exercise

If it wasn't for the small placard saying "police training exercise," you'd think a SWAT team had just descended on a house in suburban Victoria.

During Google's last tour through B.C.'s capital, their street view cameras appear to have captured members of the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team on a training mission. A group of six officers decked out in full riot gear can be seen outside a bungalow on Crescent Road.

The image was found by a local Reddit user, who posted the link to the Victoria subreddit.

"I've been in a house a couple of doors down from an exercise like this. It was a little bit disturbing hearing flashbangs going off in the neighbourhood and then looking outside to see the SWAT team storming into a home two doors down!" wrote one user.

According to the VicPD website, "members of the GVERT… are specially trained to deal with complex and dangerous situations like hostage takings, barricaded suspects, and high-risk warrant service."

LUKE SIMCOE/METRO IN CALGARY

Members of the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team are seen on Google Street View. GOOGLE

Massive, marvellous Morgan

Morgan goes for a walk along Queen Street in Toronto with owner Cathy Payne. Morgan is the world's tallest female dog, and will be entered into the 2014 Guinness World Records book. She's a five-year-old Great Dane that stands 38.6 inches tall and weighs 214 pounds.

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Racially offensive.' Ottawa football team to drop Redskins name, logo

After more than a year of pressure from Ottawa-area Ojibway musician Ian Campeau, the Nepean Redskins football team is poised to drop its name and logo in favour of a new one.

"As a community sport organization, the Club aims to provide a healthy and positive environment for the youth in our programs, encourage sportsmanship at all levels of play and instill a sense of pride and support for our community both on and off the field," Steve Dean, president of the Nepean Redskins Football Club said in a press released issued Thursday.

According to the release, the transition is predicted to cost in excess of $100,000 and may take a number of years.

Campeau, also known as DJ NDN in Ottawa electronic-music group A Tribe Called Red, argued Redskins is "racially offensive" and needs to change. He launched a social-media campaign last year aimed at convincing the team's president to drop the name. It fizzled months later, but was reignited this summer.

JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA

White House

U.S. banker to be nominated as Cdn. ambassador

The White House says U.S. President Barack Obama will nominate investment banker Bruce Heyman as U.S. ambassador to Canada.

Known as a powerful fundraiser for the president, Heyman has been managing director of private-wealth management at Goldman Sachs since 1999.

Today's announcement comes despite rumours that Heyman's complex investment portfolio may have disqualified him from the job. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Families mourn loved ones

Bus-train crash victims.
Cause of collision that killed six at Ottawa rail crossing still in question

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Metro in Ottawa

Ottawa police released the names and ages of all six victims in Wednesday's crash between an OC Transpo double-decker bus and a VIA Rail train in Barrhaven, Ont.

Numerous agencies and people in the community have been moved to express condolences to the families of the victims, and some families communicated statements about their loss through the Ottawa police.

Friends Connor Boyd and Kyle Nash both attended John McRae Secondary School before moving on to study at Carleton University.

Boyd's friend Kayla Bennett wrote on her Facebook page: "Connor Boyd you were such an amazing person. I have known you since elementary school. Everyone knows you by your laugh or how you knew everything about everything!! I can't believe you are gone!! ... you will be missed."

On Thursday police released a series of statements from grieving families, including Kyle Nash's: "The family of Kyle Nash are devastated by his tragic and premature death. He was deeply loved. They thank everyone for their support and ask for privacy to grieve at this time."

A statement issued on behalf of Karen Krzyzewski's family reads: "We are very saddened by the loss of Karen. She was a gentle spirit who was caring and compassionate to others. She loved life to the fullest. Karen was the mother of two young adult children. She is survived by her parents and a brother and two sisters. She will be mourned by family and many friends. Karen worked happily for 28 years at the Library and Archives Canada. She believed that libraries were an important part of Canadian culture."

No family statements were released through police concerning the final two crash victims; Rob More, 35, and Michael Bleakney, 57. Bleakney's Google Plus and LinkedIn profiles listed him as a geotechnical engineer at Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Grieving wife

Terry Woodard, whose husband, David Woodard, 46, was driving the bus Wednesday, spoke with AM 640's John Oakley about the incident and about what her husband was like.

- "David was in good health. He didn't fall asleep at the wheel. He's always rested the night before he goes to work. I don't know what to say. Either he didn't see the lights or the barricade wasn't down just in time," she said.
- On Facebook, she wrote: "Ok...Today I lost my HUSBAND the love of my LIFE my best friend the father of my daughter and a great step DAD to the boys...I don't know what to say...I want him back so much...MISS you BABY... be always in my prayers in my mind, but most of all in my heart....life is not the same without you here..."

The victims of a collision between an Ottawa bus and a train, clockwise from top left: Bus driver Dave Woodard, 45; Karen Krzyzewski, 53; Rob More, 35; Michael Bleakney, 57; Kyle Nash, 21; and Connor Boyd, 21. FACEBOOK; OPS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Last goodbye

"Today I lost my HUSBAND the love of my LIFE my best friend the father of my daughter and a great step DAD to the boys."

Terry Woodard, wife of David Woodard

Espionage.
CSIS zeroes in on insider threats

Canada's spy agency is underscoring the national security threat from disgruntled federal employees after a troubled junior navy officer sold highly sensitive information to Russian intelligence.

A newly declassified analysis by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service warns that the Jeffrey Delisle case typifies the "insider threat" — acts including espionage, unauthorized disclosure of secrets, embezzlement, sabotage and theft.

Delisle, 42, was sentenced to 20 years in prison this year after pleading guilty to passing classified western intelligence to Russia in exchange for cash on a regular basis for more than four years.

"The Delisle case, while not unique among NATO-member states, highlights the risk of the 'insider threat' to Canada and the importance of protecting sensitive information," says the February CSIS assessment.

Individuals who engage in insider espionage can be motivated by many factors, but selling secrets is "usually the last act of a long-simmering emotional crisis," CSIS says.

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Palestinian minister praises Canada, wants to look ahead

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad al-Malki tossed Canada an olive branch Thursday, seeking to defuse recent tensions by saying there's no point in either side being held hostage by past rhetoric.

His host, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, tossed one back — committing to extend Canada's lucrative, multi-year aid commitment to the Palestinian Authority, calling it some of the country's best-spent development dollars.

The two politicians basked in bonhomie during a joint Ottawa news conference outside the Governor General's official guest house next to Rideau Hall.

"Many words have been said last year, the year before, by all of us," Al-Malki said.

"And if we want really to see ourselves hostage to these words then we cannot really move anywhere."

The Harper government's unabashed support of Israel over the last seven years has fuelled criticism and alienated many in the Arab and Muslim world, in Canada and abroad. Some analysts have questioned whether Canada can be a neutral participant in the search for peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

The Palestinians were angered when Baird met an Israeli cabinet minister this past April in East Jerusalem — disputed territory that the Palestinians and the United Nations consider occupied land.

The Harper government opposed the successful Palestinian bid for statehood recognition at the UN and said there would be consequences, also drawing the ire of the Palestinians.

That raised doubts about whether Canada's $300-million, five-year aid pledge to the Palestinian Authority, which was due to expire in March, would be axed.

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Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird walks to a joint news conference with Palestinian Authority Foreign Affairs Minister Riad al-Malki following a meeting, Thursday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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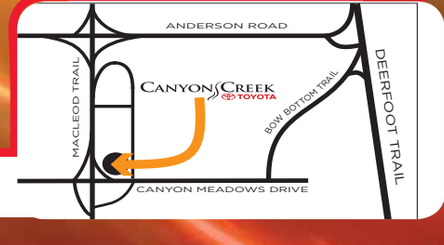

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Dozens killed by Mexico's storms

Acapulco. Tropical storm Manuel ravages nation, destroying some 35,000 homes

A car lies buried in mud after flooding triggered by tropical storm Manuel in Mexico. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A mass of dirt, rock and mud swept down the hillside in the remote mountain village of La Pintada, burying half the hamlet and leaving 68 people missing in its mad race to the river bed below.

It was the biggest known tragedy caused by twin weekend storms that struck Mexico, creating floods and landslides across the nation and killing at least 97 people as of Thursday — not counting those missing in La Pintada.

All of the nearly 400 surviving members of the village remember where they were at the moment the deadly wave struck on Monday afternoon, Mexico's Independence Day.

Nancy Gomez, 21, said Thursday she heard a strange sound and went to look out the doorway of her family's house, her one-year-old baby clutched in her arms. She saw the ground move, then felt a jolt from behind as her father tried to push her to safety.

She never saw him again. He's among 68 missing in the slide or in a second one that buried victims and would-be rescuers alike.

When the rain-soaked hillside, drenched by days of rain during the storm, gave way, it swept up Gomez in a wave of dirt that covered her entirely, leaving only a small air pocket between her and her baby.

"I screamed a lot, for them to come rescue me, but I never heard anything from my mother or father or my cousin," she said as she lay on a foam mattress in a temporary shelter in Acapulco, her legs covered with deep welts.

Eventually, relatives came from a nearby house and dug her and the baby out.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mumbai, India. Police charge five in gang rape of young photojournalist

Police in India's financial centre of Mumbai filed charges against four men and a juvenile in the gang rape of a photojournalist that fuelled further debate about women's safety after a fatal assault in New Delhi sparked mass protests.

The 22-year-old photojournalist was on assignment with a male colleague at an abandoned textile mill in Mumbai's Lower Parel area — where luxury malls and condominiums stand alongside sprawling slums — on Aug. 22 when they were approached by several men who offered to gain permission to shoot photos in the building. Once inside, the pair was attacked. The male colleague was beaten and tied up while the attackers took turns raping the woman.

The Mumbai charges come a little more than a week after a New Delhi court sentenced four men to death for the fatal gang rape of a 23-year-old medical student on a moving bus in the capital last December.

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Jakarta, Indonesia

Mount Sinabung flares up again

More than 15,000 residents have fled a volcano that rumbled to life less than a week ago in Indonesia.

Local airlines have been warned to avoid flying near the mountain as thick ash continues to spew from its crater.

The 2,600-metre volcano erupted Sunday after being dormant for three years. Two days later volcanic ash and thick smoke were belched up to three kilometres into the air that ignited fires on its slopes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Homeless man's honesty pays off

Big reward for a big heart. More than $91,000 has been donated to a fund for Glen James after he turned in a backpack filled with thousands of dollars

Glen James
STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The overwhelming response to a fund set up for a Boston homeless man who turned in a backpack he found filled with more than $40,000 in cash and traveller's cheques is a "statement to everyone in America," says the Virginia man who started the drive. In just over two days, more than $91,000 has been donated to the fund for Glen James.

James flagged down a police officer Saturday after he found the backpack containing $2,400 in cash and almost $40,000 in traveller's cheques at the South Bay Mall In Boston. The man who lost it told workers at a nearby mall store and they called police, who later returned the backpack to him.

Boston police honoured James with a special citation Monday. After reading media accounts of James' honesty, a stranger, Ethan Whittington of Midlothian, Va., started a fund for James on the crowdfunding site gofundme.com. By early Thursday, $91,855 in donations had been made.

Whittington, a 27-year-old accounts manager for a marketing firm, said he decided to try to raise money for James after reading about his honesty. Now Whittington says he's overwhelmed by the generosity of strangers.

"The fact that he's in the situation he is, being homeless, it blew my mind that he would do this (turn in the backpack)," Whittington said Wednesday.

"It's caught on like wildfire ever since," he said. "It's brought me a lot of hope.... This isn't only about rewarding a great guy. I think it's a statement to everyone in America. If we come together and work toward one thing and work together, then we can make it happen."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rubber ducky, you're the (biggest) one

A giant yellow duck sits at the Glory Pier in the port of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Thursday. Despite the heat, thousands flocked to the port, the first leg of the Taiwan tour, to see Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman's famous 18 metre yellow duck, a gigantic version of the iconic bathtub toy used by children around the world.

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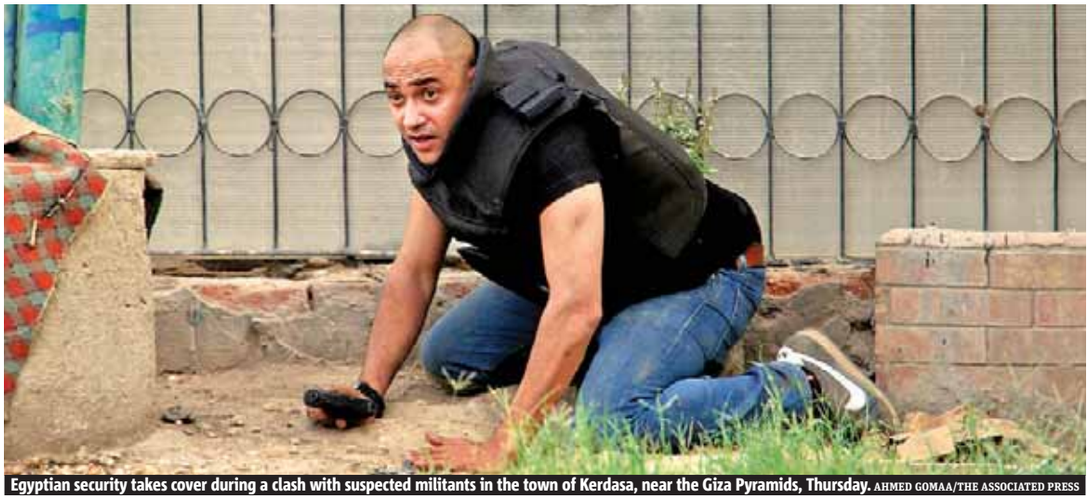
Battles near the Great Pyramids as Egypt steps up assault on militants

Clashes. Government pushes ahead with a campaign against militants enraged by overthrow; police general shot dead



Egyptian security takes cover during a clash with suspected militants in the town of Kerdasa, near the Giza Pyramids, Thursday. AHMED GOMAA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian security forces backed by armoured fighting vehicles and helicopters stormed a tourist town near the Great Pyramids that became an Islamist stronghold on Thursday, the latest in a stepped up campaign by the military-backed government to put down armed supporters of the ousted president.

As they moved into Kerdasa at around 6 a.m., the troops and policemen came under barrages of fire from gunmen on rooftops. Militants took control of the town just outside Cairo more than a month ago amid a nationwide backlash of violence by Islamists opposed to the military coup that removed President Mohammed Morsi and by a crackdown against his supporters that followed.

A police general fell in the first moments of the battle. Gen. Nabil Farrag had just given a pep talk to his men, preparing them to roll into the town, when they came under gunfire. Farrag died after a bullet got past his body armour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Analysis

Town has strategic importance

Kerdasa, once a village in an agricultural area west of Cairo that swelled into a densely populated town, carries great strategic importance.

It is a short drive from Cairo's centre and is about five kilometres from the Pyramids of Giza, Egypt's primary tourist attraction. Kerdasa itself was a popular stop on tourist itineraries because of its shops selling traditional carpets and clothes. More than 1,000 people have died since June 30.

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Spain. Baby dies on baggage conveyor belt

A five-month-old baby boy has died in an accident after being placed on a baggage conveyor belt at an airport in southeast Spain, local authorities said Thursday.

A spokeswoman for the Alicante airport management company Aena said the baby and his American mother arrived at the airport late Wednesday on a flight from London.

The baby's father, a Canadian, was waiting for them at the airport's arrivals zone when the incident happened.

A Guardia Civil spokesman told British newspaper The Independent that the investigation is still in the early stages and they are looking at CCTV footage, but it seems that it was an accident.

"The mother left the baby on the conveyor belt, which can be activated by detecting weight or by an airport employee," the spokesman said.

"It seems that the baby carrier's weight activated the belt and the child was trapped in the rollers in the drop zone."

Despite attempts to resuscitate the baby, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Media reports said the family were in Spain for a holiday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rhodes Trust

Publishing tycoon donates $120M

A Niagara Falls-born philanthropist who made his fortune with free magazines like Auto Trader has given the Rhodes Trust its largest single donation, a bequest that will transform the 110-year-old scholarships. John McCall MacBain presented his $120-million donation at a ceremony Thursday at Oxford University. The money from his McCall MacBain Foundation is divided into thirds: one part a straight gift, one part a matching donation and one part reserved for the other economic powerhouses.
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Canadians held at gunpoint aboard ship, Greenpeace says

Tensions have been flaring between Greenpeace and Russian Coast Guard officers for some time, says Arctic campaign co-ordinator Christy Ferguson. Here, an activist is seen Wednesday attempting to climb an oil platform operated by energy giant Gazprom. DENIS SINYAKOV/GREENPEACE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arctic Campaign foiled. Members of the Russian Coast Guard rappelled on board and took control of the vessel

Two Canadian activists are among a group of 25 people who were being held at gunpoint aboard a Greenpeace ship, the environmental group said Thursday.

Arctic Campaign Co-ordinator Christy Ferguson said Paul Ruzycki of Port Colborne, Ont., and a man from Montreal whose name was not released were arrested when Russian coast guard officers boarded their vessel, which Greenpeace says was in international waters.

Ferguson said at least 15 members of the coast guard used helicopters and ropes to rappel on board the Arctic Sunrise, a Greenpeace ship carrying a crew bent on protesting offshore oil drilling in the Arctic. The crew was being held in the ship's mess, she said, adding no injuries have been reported.

The incident took place Thursday as the ship was circling an oil platform in the Pechora Sea, an arm of the Barents Sea. The platform was owned by Gazprom, a Russian oil company.

Ferguson decried the incident, saying Russian authorities had no jurisdiction over a ship that was sailing in international waters and had no need to resort to threatening tactics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"This was a peaceful protest against reckless industrial activity in the Arctic."

Christy Ferguson, Arctic Campaign Co-ordinator

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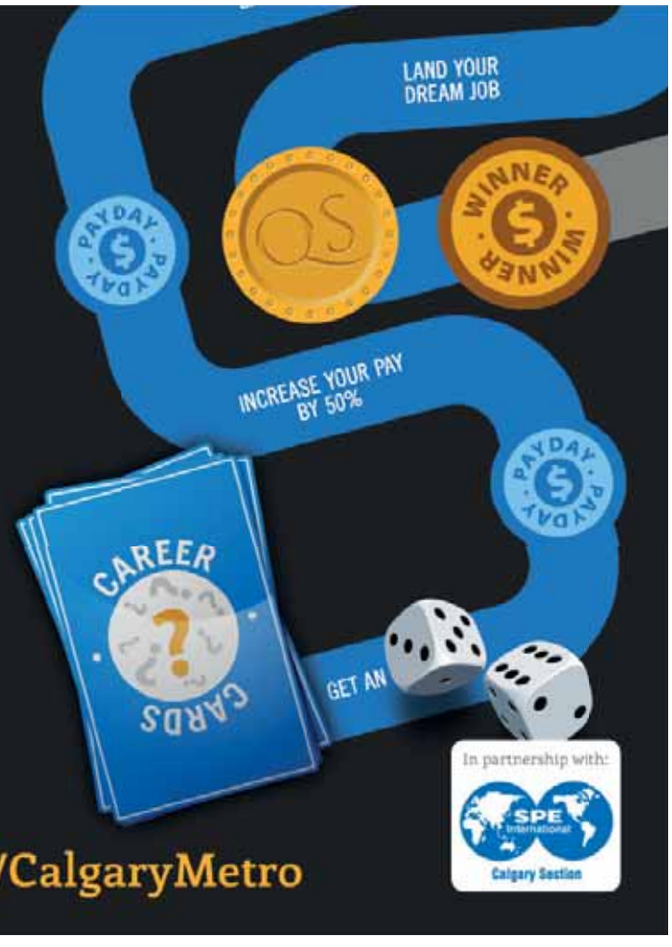

Need some stylish body armour?

Light, yet protective. Metro meets a Colombian who sells his armour to politicians, lawyers and celebrities

LESLIE AGUIRRE
Metro World News

For 20 years, Miguel Caballero has been working in the body armour industry — a profession he began while working on a project as a business administration student in his native Colombia. His mother had paid $10 for his first manufactured garment: a comfortable — and safe — leather jacket.

"One of our colleagues didn't have a bodyguard, and didn't wear any body armor as he found it uncomfortable. That sparked my idea to create light, yet protective clothing," Caballero tells Metro.

Caballero, whose business is based in Mexico City, says that the United States is his main client.

In the wake of recent school attacks in the U.S., Caballero reworked his safety apparel for adults to cater to schoolchildren: He offers bulletproof T-shirts, vests and backpacks, many of which at first glance resemble everyday clothes.

Caballero said in Mexico people have forged many of his products, resulting in what he called shoddy knock-offs.

"Many have tried to copy us, (and they) get falsified certifications. They are putting human lives at risk by getting to do what they cannot do."

Caballero's clients include state governors, local police, military and corporate professionals — but there has been criticism over allegations that his bulletproof products were used by criminals.

"I do not know of any unauthorized third party that may have gotten their hands on our products," Caballero said, adding that he has a background check done on his clients and only sells products to those without a criminal record.

Caballero's website, miguelcaballero.com, sells to clients in 23 countries.

His firm has 300 employees. In Latin America, Caballero sells to all countries, while in Europe to only four.

In the Middle East his main clients are security-conscious Arab sheiks.

Top-drawer clients

- Some clients of Miguel Caballero, pictured, are actor Steven Seagal; the head of Julian Assange's legal team, Baltasar Garzón; former Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez; and Ecuadorian president Rafael Correa.

Inside Caballero's store. METRO WORLD NEWS

Would you wear armour?

Fear and lack of trust...

"No, they highlight the lack of trust we have." Margot Vargas, 21, a student

Look after the root cause...

"No it would increase fear ... and violence." Jesus Linares, 29

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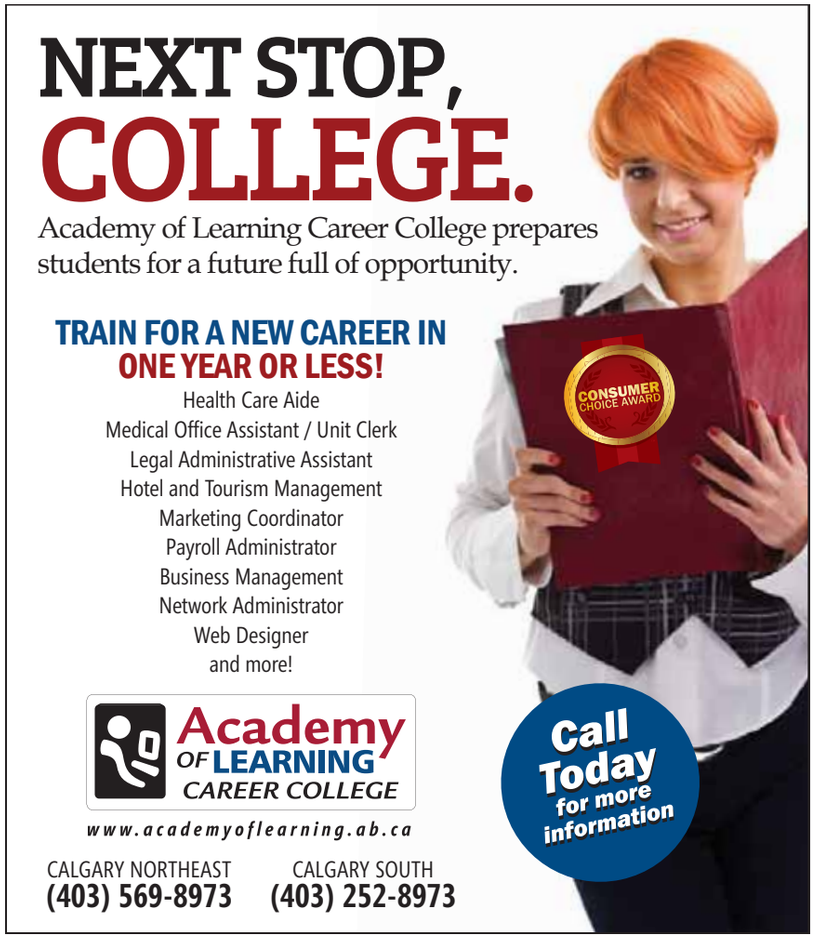
"No, besides I have never been in a dangerous position." Antonia Kienzl, 30



Pope warns church must find new balance

Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vatican City.
Pope's progressive stance contrasts with those of John Paul II and Benedict XVI

Signalling a dramatic shift in Vatican tone, Pope Francis said the Catholic Church had become obsessed by "small-minded rules" about how to be faithful and that pastors should instead emphasize compassion over condemnation when discussing divisive social issues of abortion, gays and contraception.

The pope's remarkably blunt message six months into his papacy was sure to reverberate around the globe as bishops who have focused much of their preaching on such hot-button issues are asked to act more as pastors of wounded souls.

In interviews published Thursday in Jesuit journals in 16 countries, Francis said he had been "reprimanded" for not pressing church opposition to abortion in his papacy. But he said "it is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time."

"The church's pastoral ministry cannot be obsessed with the transmission of a disjointed multitude of doctrines to be imposed insistently," Francis said.

The comments contained no change in church teaching, and the pope said reform should not happen quickly.

Still, it was the pope's clearest declaration yet of a break in tone and style from his immediate predecessors.

John Paul II and Benedict XVI were both intellectuals for whom doctrine was paramount. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new vision

"We have to find a new balance; otherwise even the moral edifice of the church is likely to fall like a house of cards."

Pope Francis
In an interview with La Civilta Cattolica, a Rome journal for the religious order

Band performs under water

A member of a music group made up of aquarium employees swims past visitors carrying a drum as the band plays under water at the Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World in north China's Tianjin Municipality on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia.
New law not anti-gay: Putin

President Vladimir Putin denied Thursday that gays face discrimination in Russia, saying a new law that has drawn protests worldwide does not infringe on their rights.

Putin maintained the law bans only "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations among minors."

The Russian law has prompted calls for boycotts of the 2014 Winter Olympics hosted by Russia in Sochi.

Putin said while some European nations have allowed gay marriages, "the Europeans are dying out ... and gay marriages don't produce children."

The new law imposes fines of up to 5,000 rubles ($150) for individuals and 1 million rubles ($30,000) for organizations. Foreigners who violate the law are subject to fines, plus prison sentences of up to 15 days, deportation and denial of re-entry into Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gen Y'ers aid Syrian refugees

Jordan. As their leaders dither over Syria, Western 20-somethings roll up their sleeves to help country's refugees

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Dina El-Kassaby, 22, from Canada, on those living in Zaatari: "There's a stereotype that refugees are lazy. But the refugees here are nurses, teachers, lawyers and truck drivers. Almost everyone I talk to asks about work opportunities." ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Every morning, Dina El-Kassaby heads to the refugee camp in Zaatari, Jordan. The enormous site, located seven kilometres across the Syrian border, requires an enormous staff. It has quickly grown from nothing to housing some 150,000 Syrian refugees in one year. And they have nowhere to go.

El-Kassaby, a 22-year-old from Vancouver, is one of the surprising number of young Westerners who have opted to work there.

"There's a stereotype that refugees are lazy," she says. "That's false as far as Syrians are concerned. There are nurses, teachers, lawyers and truck drivers here. Almost everyone I talk to asks about work opportunities. Women are well educated too."

Down Zaatari's main thoroughfare, refugees have set up myriad unofficial shops, selling everything from shampoo to wedding dresses. They call the dusty patch the "Champs Elysees."

Perhaps it's this civilized aspect of the Syrian conflict that inspires young Westerners to help: After all, until a year ago the refugees lived middle-class lives not unlike ours. Or perhaps it's the recognition that we could find ourselves in the same situation. Or is it shame over the fact that 100,000 Syrians have been killed, more than 4.2 million people are displaced within Syria and two million have fled to other countries, while the West dithers over a course of action?

David Lampert, an 18-year-old from Vermont, asked his online Arabic teacher how to volunteer in Jordan, and travelled to the town of Mafraq near Jordan's border with Syria. "I just wanted to help the Syrian people," he explains as I meet him at the local church.

Mafraq, a town of 60,000, now houses some 20,000 Syrian refugees. The church, supported by Mercy Corps, an NGO, provides necessities like food and blankets to newly arrived families, as well as a safe space for children and parents to rest.

Canadian Haitham Betts, 23, also helps out at the church, doing odd jobs and simply spending time with the new arrivals. "Helping people when they're in a crisis situation is so important to them on a personal level," he says.

Of the UN World Food Programme's staff of 80 in Jordan, 33 are aged 35 or younger — nine of them Westerners. Mercy Corps reports that 80 per cent of its volunteers are 35 and under.

Of course, this hugely complex and fast-moving refugee crisis isn't managed by 20-somethings. "It's important to remember that the people in charge are officials with long-time emergency experience," notes Marc Vergara, UNICEF's Head of Communications in Jordan.

And local Jordanian staff carry out a wide range of tasks, from delivering food to mounting tents. But the young Westerners are right here on the ground, providing a crucial service to thousands of desperate people.

"I want people at home to understand the horrific levels of violence going on in Syria, and how terribly difficult it is to pack up and leave," Aoife McConnell, a 27-year-old UN Refugee Agency worker from Ireland, tells me when I meet her in Mafraq.

David Lampert, left, 18, from Vermont, and Haitham Betts, right, 23, from Canada, help Pastor Sahawneh Nour at the Mafraq church. ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Aoife McConnell, 27, from Ireland: "It's really tough to get the message out." ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

"It's really tough to get the message out," McConnell adds. "The reality in the world is, how can we ask people who're worried about their own economy to give money to Syrian refugees?

"But consider this: Every night when you go to bed, another 1,000 Syrians have made the heart-wrenching decision to leave and are crossing over the border to Jordan."

How to become an aid worker

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- **Job surplus.** With many aid workers returning home after several years or just several months, there's plenty of turnover. That means lots of job openings.
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- **Email.** As UN Refugee Agency worker Aoife McConnell did, you can also send your resumé to NGOs. For the UN World Food Program, for example, email jordan.recruitment@wfp.org.
- **Pay.** NGOs typically pay a monthly salary, and a good one for the standards of the respective country. The employer often provides housing and trips back to one's home country.

Getting by at a camp hospital. With a little help from Italian friends

Above the thousands of sand-coloured tents in Zaatari flies an Italian flag. It's the Italian hospital: seven doctors, 10 nurses and one dentist work in the modest building.

"We have around 700 patients per week," Dr. Basham Anakrih, a Jordanian surgeon, tells me as I visit.

As we speak, a man in a wheelchair is brought in by his son; he hands Anakrih a prescription that needs to be signed. The young doctor asks him a few questions and signs the form. Meanwhile, in another surgical room — closed only by a curtain — a colleague of Anakrih circumcises a baby boy.

Though the hospital is small — the camp's French and Moroccan hospitals have beds — it performs a crucial service to the Zaatari camp.

"All equipment is paid for by Italy," explains Anakrih as he proudly shows me the hospital's incubator and X-ray machine.

Jordan provides the hospital staff.

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Analysis

'Now is a good time to get in there'

MARC VERGARA, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, UNICEF, JORDAN

Syria and the region are Level 3 (the highest UN emergency level). That means that UN agencies worldwide are asked to supply staff, because they need people with experience in emergencies or technical skills like water and sanitation. UNICEF usually has 15 people in Jordan — now we're at 50.

The UN will make many of the staff assisting Syrian refugees permanent. Right now we're planning for the next two to three years. Of course we can only guess how many refugees will cross the border to Jordan, but our estimate is that we'll have one million refugees here next year.

Both the UN and the NGOs are looking for people with the skills I mentioned, so now is a good time to try to get in if you have the expertise. In addition to full-time staff, the UN and NGOs also have staff on a consulting basis.

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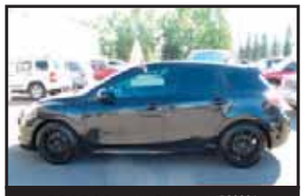

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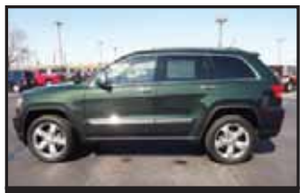

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From left, restaurateurs Claudio Aprile, Michael Bonacini and Alvin Leung will put home chef contestants through their paces on the new television show MasterChef Canada, debuting in the winter of 2014. COURTESY CTV

MasterChef Canada announces judges

Broadcast. Homegrown version of the Gordon Ramsay hit show will debut in winter 2014

Three high-profile chefs were literally bursting with excitement during their first day on the set as judges for the new TV show MasterChef Canada.

Restaurateurs Michael Bonacini, Claudio Aprile and Alvin Leung will put home chef contestants through their paces in the Canadian version of the Gordon Ramsay hit, expected to debut on CTV in the winter of 2014, the network announced Thursday.

"It was incredible. It was lightning in a bottle," said Claudio Aprile, the owner and creative force behind the Orderfire Restaurant Group, which includes Toronto's Origin brand restaurants.

CTV put out a call for auditions in June and thousands of home cooks vied to be on the show. The judges will put the contestants through individual and team-cooking challenges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Online privacy. New tool lets you opt out of some of those creepy web ads

Canadians who get spooked every time they see online advertisements that seem to be based on their web browsing history now have a tool available to stop some of the snooping ads.

The Digital Advertising Alliance Of Canada has launched youradchoices.ca, which allows web users to opt out of so-called behavioural advertising.

Behavioural advertising is typically based on web browser "cookies" — small files that get dropped on your computer with information about browsing history and habits. Advertisers can read those cookies and serve up product pitches that are targeted to individual web surfers.

Digital Advertising Alliance Of Canada chairman Bob Reaume said he's pushing for the industry to use the term "interest-based advertising" instead, since behavioural advertising has negative connotations attached to it.

"It sounds so sneaky and evil, and interest-based advertising is really what we're doing — we're just inferring what products and services a consumer might be interested in and we're serving ads for those products and services," he said.

"It's our hope that consumers will get the point that this is making advertising more relevant for them. Surely if there are consumers who find this objectionable then it's their absolute right and option to opt out of this type of advertising."

But unmarked behavioural ads may still be pushed to consumers by companies not affiliated with the voluntary program. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Program participants

115

The opt-out tool at youradchoices.ca currently stops consumers from receiving behavioural ads from 115 ad agencies, ad networks and companies that are participating in the program.

Saint John, N.B.

Gas flare kills migrating birds

A manager at the Canaport liquefied natural gas facility in Saint John, N.B., says there's little it can do in the next few weeks to prevent more migrating birds from flying into a flare that's burning at the plant. Fraser Forsythe said the latest estimate is that about 7,500 migrating birds died while the company was burning off excess gas at the facility on Friday and Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Online piracy once again on the rise

Washington. Industry lobbyists have headed back to Capitol Hill to try and drum up interest among lawmakers

The music and movie industries are sounding the alarm again on online piracy, saying illegal downloads are on the rise and search engines like Google aren't doing enough to stop them.

Entertainment executives say they have no intention of trying to revive failed legislation that would have imposed unprecedented regulations on Internet companies. That proposal last year prompted a fierce backlash from tech companies and activists who said it would damage the Internet as a free and open enterprise.

But the industry's top lobbyists returned to Capitol Hill this week to try to renew interest in online piracy, which has largely fallen off the public's radar.

They are distributing to sympathetic lawmakers their own research on what they say are the growing perils of piracy — some of which is contested by Internet activists — and telling Congress that Google and other search engines aren't doing enough to redirect consumers away from known pirating sites.

The suggestion was that private talks between entertainment executives and Google on anti-piracy efforts had failed to produce a solution, prompting two lobbying giants — the Motion Picture Association of America and the Recording Industry Association of America — to make their case instead in news conferences and hearing rooms on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, while Google declined to comment.

"We invite Google and the other major search engines to sit down with us to formulate a plan that goes beyond promises of action and actually serves its intended purpose of deterring piracy and giving the legitimate marketplace an environment to thrive," RIAA Chairman Cary Sherman told a House panel on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A company that runs parking lots in the English cities of Leeds and Manchester is temporarily letting drivers pay with the dark brown seeds that fall from horse chestnut trees each autumn.

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The weeklong Bonkers for Conkers campaign was due to end Sunday, but company spokesman Matthew Williamson said Thursday it may be extended. The chestnuts are only being accepted at staffed parking lots, not automated ticket machines. "You can't put conkers into coin slots," he noted.

The company said the project aimed to raise awareness about carbon emissions from automobiles and it plans to sponsor a forest to help offset carbon emissions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1 **Cop-foolery.** A North Vancouver RCMP officer was fined this week for an incident that occurred last February when he was clocked, while off-duty, driving at such high speeds that West Vancouver police were called in to assist. Const. Michael Milo Arbulic eventually stopped and revealed he was merely playing a prank on fellow police officers, reinforcing what some of us already know: Cops are hilarious!

2 **Star gazing.** A paper published in Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society revealed a star from which a magnetically driven jet is creating a fascinating planetary nebula. The most surprising thing about this is the existence of a publication called Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

3 **Designer genes.** Next month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will hold a two-day public meeting to discuss genetic modification of the human egg. The conversation will revolve around "oocyte modification" involving material from a second woman, enabling offspring to carry DNA from three parents. As usual, this probably started somewhere with one guy trying to convince two women to have sex with him at the same time.

4 **Parental misguidance.** A study released by Safe Kids Worldwide showed that one in four parents have driven with children improperly secured in their car seats. Another two out of four have just thought about it.

5 **In-line gaming.** Consumers lined up overnight for a copy of the long-awaited Grand Theft Auto V. Tensions mounted as gamers grew anxious over spending so many hours in queue, which would have otherwise been spent playing Grand Theft Auto IV.

6 **Bust a cap-puccino.** Starbucks is asking customers not to bring guns into its shops. Not an outright ban, but a friendly request that makes sense in a store where people wait in long lines to load up on overpriced, caffeinated beverages that require a glossary to order. "Give me my grande, non-fat, double-caf, extra-foamy mochalacachino now!"

7 **Beavertails.** Foodies are apparently using an exotic vanilla-like flavouring found among the anal secretions of beavers. This is huge news for people who would rather hunt down a nocturnal, semi-aquatic rodent and negotiate entry into its holiest of holies to achieve that almost-vanilla taste than just buy vanilla in a store.

8 **This week in music.** In 1983, Kiss was on MTV to promote the release of Lick It Up, where they appeared sans makeup for the first time. Thousands of women seeing the real Gene Simmons leaped to their feet shouting, "*That's* who I slept with?"

9 **America got tricked.** Kenichi, the winner of America's Got Talent, gets a chance to headline his own show in Las Vegas and a prize of $1 million ... over the next 40 years! That's right. For those who don't read the fine-print disclaimer, that's $25,000 a year, or a job washing restrooms at Denny's without a raise for the rest of your life. Thanks, AGT. They couldn't have done that without you.

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ZOOM

Found by Indiana 'Bones'

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Jewel-encrusted skeletons discovered

A relic hunter has lifted the lid on a macabre collection of 400-year-old jewel-encrusted skeletons unearthed in churches across Europe. Art historian Paul Koudounaris has hunted down and photographed dozens of gruesome skeletons in some of the world's most secretive religious establishments.

This decorated skeleton of the martyr Valerius, pictured, was discovered in the Roman Catacombs and transferred in the 18th century to the Church of Saint Peter and Paul in Weyarn, southeast Germany.

"Weyarn has only one jewelled full-skeleton relic, but when it is this good you really don't need any others," says Koudounaris. METRO

Photographer's viewpoint

"I was writing a book on charnel houses when I came across these skeletons. As I discovered more about them I had this feeling that it was my duty to tell their fascinating story."

Paul Koudounaris, Los Angeles-based art historian

They are just part of the community

Koudounaris underscores how the skeletons had more of a civil duty than a spiritual function.

"They were thought to be miraculous and really solidified people's bond with a town. This reaffirmed the prestige of the town," he said. METRO

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Don't do it for the Vine. That's the message Obi Nwosu wants to get out after a failed attempt at jumping over a moving car (à la Kobe Bryant) left him the laughing stock of the Interwebs. While it's hard to pity someone who risks his ability to walk for the sake of a six-second laugh, you gotta give the guy some credit for creativity. But let's not single this fool out — there are plenty of other Vine users getting creative without getting crushed.

Pinot:
This stop-motion artist is as close as they come to a professional "viner." And if six seconds isn't enough, find more of his work at pinoditart.blogspot.ca.

Meagan Cignoli:
Fashion photographer by day, Cignoli knows her way around a camera. And it shows.

Yves Das:
The Belgian artist was making vids long before Vine was a thing, which is clear after one glance of his feed mostly featuring his mini motorcycle getting up to trouble.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A new site lets you opt out of behaviour-based web ads. Should companies ask permission before tracking your web history?

@_sir: Companies need to stop hiding behind their TOS, actually ask individuals permission and maybe even pay us

@Canucklehead_ca: Meh. The internet is the same as real life. You get lost and/or go down enough 'dark alleys' – people will stop following you.

@DrDust: The simple answer - he– yes!!

@snobiwan: It's not that different from mall shopping, where you carry bags with the names of the stores where you've made purchases. ...but imagine if the Wal-Mart greeter got to look through all the receipts in your purse.

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Synopsis

Keller and Grace Dover (Hugh Jackman and Maria Bello), Franklin and Nancy Birch (Terrence Howard and Viola Davis) and their kids spend Thanksgiving together. After dinner the youngest members of the family, Anna Dover (Erin Gerasimovich) and Joy Birch (Kyla Drew Simmons) go for a walk and never return. The police, led by Detective Loki (Jake Gyllenhaal), arrest a suspect, Alex Jones (Paul Dano) who Keller is convinced is guilty. When Alex is released, Keller takes matters into his own hands. Kidnapping Jones, he tries to beat a confession out of him. When that doesn't work his methods escalate.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●●○

Hugh Jackman pulls out claws of a different kind for Prisoners. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

How far would you go?

Prisoners.
Hugh Jackman shines as a volatile vigilante in this film about fractured families searching for justice

Richard: Mark, Death Wish — the Charles Bronson revenge drama — painted its main character as a vigilante hero, someone who evened the score when the police couldn't. Prisoners isn't as cut and dried. It asks the question, how far would you go to get the information you need to protect your family? As played by Hugh Jackman, Keller Dover is a conflicted man. I think he knows what he's doing is wrong, but doesn't see a choice. Either way, it's going to get audiences talking about the ethics of vigilantism. What did you think?

Mark: There will be a lot of debate about the rougher scenes in this film. But it's a debate that has been in the news all through Jack Bauer's similar dilemma in 24 and the American waterboarding controversy. It probably goes back to Machiavelli and his "ends justifies the means" dictum. But no matter which side you are on this is a gripping thriller that didn't let me go for its full two and a half hour running time.

RC: It is good stuff, but it almost felt like two movies to me. The first hour-and-a-half is a good family drama about a man pushed to extremes after the disappearance of his daughter, while the last hour feels different. I don't want to give anything away, but it becomes more like an episode of Criminal Minds than the first part. I enjoyed both halves, but I preferred the complexity of the family drama.

MB: I guess the long first half gives it the depth so the second half feels more than an episode of Criminal Minds. It requires great acting, which it has, although seeing Hugh Jackman in the lead, I kept expecting him to burst into song in the first half hour. Did you like Paul Dano? Should he send Brad Dourif a cut of his paycheque?

RC: I thought the performances were uniformly strong. We're used to seeing Jackman differently — as a superhero or as a 19th century balladeer — but here he's really volatile and powerful. Dano takes a tough, thankless role and in the little screen time he isn't chained up or worse (no spoilers here!) keeps us wondering about the guilt or innocence of his character.

MB: There are a lot of plot twists in this movie and Dano's character is only one of them. This is the kind of movie you should see with an empty bladder because you won't want to miss any tricks.

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He's one spicy meatball — again

Bill Hader. Former SNL star has had a few big life changes — so it's nice to go back to a familiar role

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Bill Hader is adjusting to life after Saturday Night Live and as a recent New York-to-Los Angeles transplant. Luckily there's some familiar territory to ground him, like his latest, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2, the followup to his hugely successful 2009 animated film. Now if only he could get some credit at home for the franchise.

This isn't your first animated film. How've you found voice acting?
All you do is just yell all your lines, every single one. All my lines in this movie, I'm screaming — even when it's a very nice intimate moment with me and Sam Sparks. I've been doing voice work for a while and I love it. The thing is, everyone always assumes that it's really easy, and it's like the hardest work I've ever done. When I leave a session for any of the animated things I've done, my brain doesn't work. It's incredibly hard work. But it's very gratifying. And now that I have kids it's great — when they'll recognize that it's me. Eventually.

Eventually?
My four-year-old loves the first movie but won't accept that that's me as Flint. I'll be like, "That's Daddy!" And she looks at me like, "No it's not. You're crazy." I just hope maybe when she sees this one that she realizes it's actually her dad, because she loves Flint Lockwood, and my wife and I are like, "That's your father."

Just before you finished up Saturday Night Live, you posted a failed sketch online featuring you and Justin Bieber as country singers that never made it out of dress rehearsal — and featured the set collapsing on Bieber. Why release it?
Oh yeah, it's one of my favourite moments ever in a show. In my whole time being there that was one of my favourite times ever. Everything that could go wrong went wrong. It was the wrong audience for that thing, it was just everything about it went horribly wrong. It was fantastic. It was just like watching your house catch on fire and just laughing. It was great.

Recurring sketches on SNL can be a double-edged sword.
The audience likes being in on it, so we do the Californians or whatever and people know what to expect. But then we get a lot of flack for it — "Well, it's just the same thing again." But you're really doing those sketches for the live audience, and the live audience likes to be in on it. So when I'd come out as Stefan or something, any time we would mess with it — we would do it at dress rehearsal where I would kind of mess with the structure of it a little bit — it would always lose people.

How has the move from New York to L.A. been?
We just got out with the kids and everything. It's crazy. It's all right, it's just been really intense because my wife had a movie coming out this summer — she wrote and directed The To-Do List. I was supposed to be at the press day for it but I threw up that morning.

Now that you're in L.A., what's next?
I don't know. I'm just doing a lot of … I don't know. I'm available for birthday parties, I'm available for whatever you want. I can do balloon animals; I can do impressions. Whatever you need.

Doing justice to a Wilde romance

Rush. Olivia Wilde wanted to show the love model Suzy Miller had for James Hunt during their short marriage

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Olivia Wilde plays model Suzy Miller in Rush, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Olivia Wilde was more than happy to show up for Rush — even if her part only took nine days to film — just to get a chance to be directed by Ron Howard. In the film, Wilde plays Suzy Miller, a high-society fashion model briefly married to Formula 1 driver James Hunt (Chris Hemsworth). Nice work if you can get it.

You don't get a lot of screen time to get this character across.
Yeah, she's there to serve a purpose — I think to show a bit of James Hunt's personal life, which was tumultuous. I loved the way that he charmed Suzy. She wasn't just impressed by his fame or looks, it was the way he approached her with such fearless romanticism. She's a really interesting woman. She remembers James very fondly, which was a big clue for me. I wanted to do justice to the love story that I believe existed between them. She had a great career and certainly didn't marry him for his money. They married out of a spontaneous romantic spirit, and I really wanted that to show. I think in retrospect she really loved him and was glad they had that time together.

What Wilde wants

Wilde says she'd love to get into directing. "I made a short years ago. It was my first foray into it and it kind of gave me confidence to do it again in a bigger way," Wilde says of stepping behind the camera. "It let me know that I've never been happier than when I was on set directing. It just finally felt like I put on shoes that fit. I was determined to do it again, but with the right story that I wrote — it must be a different skill to direct someone else's script. I would like to try that, but I think the next one will be something I write. I'm working on that now."

You're playing a famous woman who has to deal with a lot of attention from the press and paparazzi, something you do quite well in your own life.
I try. I think maintaining an outsider's perspective of it is important, understanding how odd it is and not letting it feel like a personal attack on you but understanding it as its own bizarre industry — and a necessary evil for certain parts of this job. But the darker side of that, the kind of stalking, is just strange. I think you have to maintain a sense of humour about it or you'll go crazy. I think I get it easier than a lot of other people, so I try not to complain. But there are moments when you're just overwhelmed by it. But who knows? My hope is that with social-networking and Facebook culture everybody's turning themselves into a celebrity, and maybe the complete lack of privacy for everyone will backfire and people won't support the industry that specializes in stalking.

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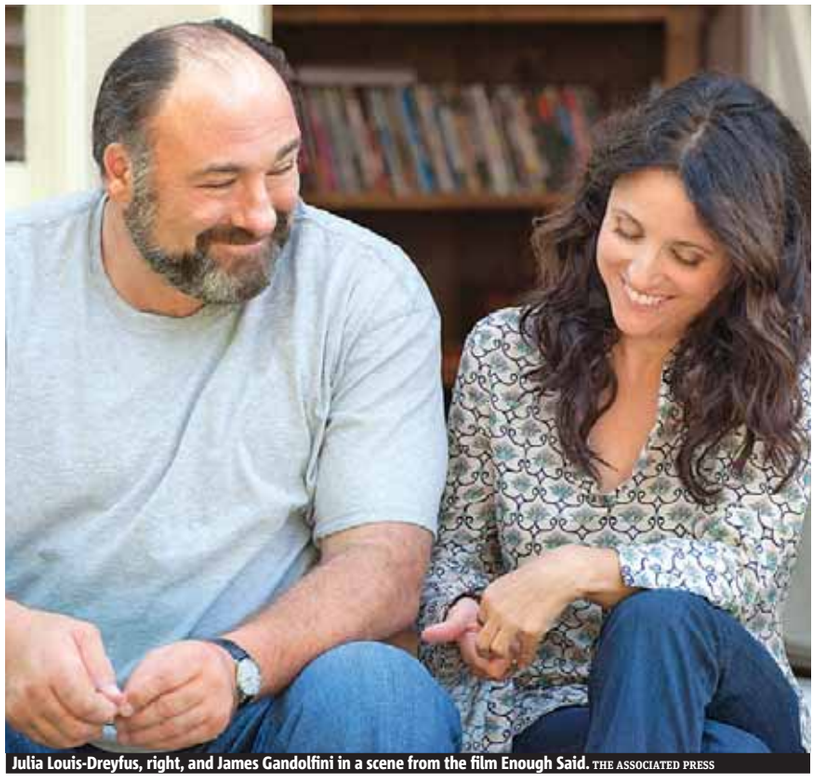
TV's queen of comedy takes on the big screen

Julia Louis-Dreyfus.
Actress gets a chance to exercise her tear-inducing chops in Enough Said


Julia Louis-Dreyfus, right, and James Gandolfini in a scene from the film Enough Said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At the suggestion that she's the finest comedic actress of her generation, Julia Louis-Dreyfus sighs an expletive.

The grandness of the statement may make Louis-Dreyfus squirm, but it's worth considering. Think about her, as Elaine Benes on Seinfeld, swooning over John F. Kennedy Jr. Think about her, as Vice-President Selina Meyer on Veep, strategically finishing a 10K race behind a disabled veteran but before a costumed contestant ("I'm not going to get beaten by a banana!").

Few comedians have both her gift for physical comedy (furiously tearing away George Costanza's toupée) and vocal precision ("He took it out"). In male-dominated worlds as varied as the dating banter of Seinfeld and the Beltway politics of Veep, she's suffered countless indignities, yet always remained feistily combative.

"It's a very joyful way to make a living," Louis-Dreyfus remarked in a recent interview at the Toronto International Film Festival. "I kind of crave it, in a way. But it's fun to make them cry, too."

In Enough Said, which Fox Searchlight will release Wednesday, Louis-Dreyfus transfers her comedic gifts to the big screen and, finally, gets to exercise her tear-inducing chops.

It's also, somewhat staggeringly, the first lead role in a feature film for the 52-year-old actress.

"I've spent the bulk of my career doing television and raising two children, who I'm still raising. So the idea of working eight, nine months on a series and then on my break going off to do another project is something I just couldn't work into my life," says Louis-Dreyfus. "So I didn't, much to my agent's chagrin."

In Enough Said, which was written and directed by Nicole Holofcener (Lovely and Amazing), Louis-Dreyfus plays a divorced Los Angeles masseuse and mother who begins dating the ex-husband (James Gandolfini) of a new friend (Catherine Keener). It's a tender, unformulaic romantic comedy about the distrustful stage of middle age when romantic opportunities seem like inevitable disappointment and children leave for college.

"There was plenty to draw on," says Louis-Dreyfus who, despite a career playing interminably single or divorced women, has been happily married for 25 years to SNL alum Brad Hall, with whom she has two sons. "I brought all of it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Christina Hendricks. Mad Men star hoping to mix up winning Emmy concoction

Mad Men's Christina Hendricks is up for an Emmy Sunday. CONTRIBUTED

Maybe one day, if you are very lucky, actress and noted hostess Christina Hendricks will invite you over for a party at her Los Angeles home. But, in all likelihood, she won't (sorry, dreams). So it was up to us to ask the Mad Men actress how she earned such a good reputation as a hostess — so in the know, she doesn't fear last-minute hosting duty. In fact, she embraces it.

"We entertain quite often," she says of life with husband, actor Geoffrey Arend, whom she married in 2009. "I like to have things always ready to go on our bar — nice cocktail napkins, nice glassware, straws and my backup supply of whatever," she says of her Boy Scout "always be prepared" style of hostessing. "I'll run down to the corner market and see what's in season so we can whip up a few hors d'oeuvres super fast or maybe use in a special cocktail we'll create for that evening. I'll have a full bar set up and put on some good music and hope it will be a good party."

Hendricks admits she likes treating her friends, so she doesn't always ask them to bring a bottle or a dish (reason No. 345 we should all be friends with her). "I think it's important to have a little gesture of one little dish or appetizer or drink you've made especially for the evening for your guests."

When Hendricks isn't throwing perfect last-minute cocktail parties, she is, of course, the fiery Joan Holloway on the AMC period drama Mad Men, a role for which she is up for an Emmy this Sunday. It is her fourth nomination. "These characters are so well-written that there isn't one side to them. When we first saw Joan in season one, she was very different than now," says Hendricks on her secretary-turned-junior partner alter ego.

"There are so many sides to her. She's a working woman, a working mother. She's had a lot of trials and has bounced back. I think she's quite resilient. She's a fighter and she's a protector. I think those are qualities that women relate to."

Hendricks has her fingers crossed for Sunday night; she's even figured out where she might put her Emmy. "Were I lucky enough (to win), it would go on the mantle and go around the house. It would journey around," she says on her possible statuette.

DOROTHY ROBINSON/MWN

His hair may be short but Spader is a cut above the rest

The Blacklist. James takes on a sinister, enigmatic role in new crime series

MAJA LUNDAGER
Metro World News in NYC

James Spader as "Red" Raymond Reddington in The Blacklist. CONTRIBUTED

In real life, James Spader doesn't seem all that menacing. He's downright cheerful as he arrives for an interview, playfully doffing his summer-ish fedora and placing it on a table on top of a reporter's digital recorder.

Hatless, however, the newly shorn Spader has a decidedly different look. The Pretty in Pink actor wanted to mix it up for his role as a criminal mastermind who cuts a shocking deal with the FBI in the fall's most promising new network thriller, The Blacklist.

The three-time Emmy-winner plays the notorious Raymond (Red) Reddington who, for decades, has given the FBI fits as one of their most wanted fugitives. In Monday's pilot (10 p.m. E.T. on NBC and Global), he takes off a darker wide-brimmed fedora, gets down on his knees in the foyer of FBI headquarters in Washington and surrenders.

He does so, however, on his own terms: he will help the agency catch a long-thought-dead terrorist provided he speaks only to a rookie agent, Elizabeth (Liz) Keen (Megan Boone of Law & Order: Los Angeles). As they work through Reddington's long "blacklist" of enemies, the two are forced together into a cat-and-mouse relationship reminiscent of the main players in Silence of the Lambs. Except this series is not like that movie at all, insists executive producer John Eisendrath. "It's a great movie, and we would be lucky in some ways be compared to it, but I think there's a big difference between the characters on our show and the characters of Hannibal and Clarice," says Eisendrath. "Red is not a psychopath. He is someone who is much more of an enigma."

He's not crazy

"Red is not a psychopath. He is someone who is much more of an enigma."

The Blacklist executive producer John Eisendrath.

Spader agrees, saying the Silence of the Lambs impression disappears after the pilot. When Keen first meets Reddington, he's in custody, shackled to a chair. In future episodes, he'll be out in public, moving freely throughout the world. The Lambs imagery will end fairly soon, says Spader.

It's not the first time the Boston-born actor has played creepy or sinister. In his early films, such as Pretty in Pink, he had the bored swagger of an Ivy League lout. In Sex, Lies and Videotape and Crash, danger and perversity lurked right below an icy calm exterior.

Now 53, Spader has worked hard to broaden his persona through a diverse series of film, TV and stage roles, including his recent stint on The Office.

Showing up for The Blacklist with closely cropped hair was all Spader's idea. Part of it was his eagerness to cut any past impressions with the audience. "Actors are burdened with everything else they've done before in any role they're playing," he said, "and I thought it would be nice to take off my hat and it's an entirely different person."

Spader will be surprising fans yet again as the villainous robot Ultron in the next Avengers film, scheduled for release in 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Comedy

The Art of the Steal

Director. Jonathan Sobol

Stars. Jay Baruchel, Kurt Russell, Matt Dillon

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Crunch and Nicky Calhoun (Kurt Russell and Matt Dillon) are brothers and art thieves who haven't worked together since Nicky snitched on Crunch and sent him to prison. Years later they team up to steal one of the world's rarest books, but will the job lead to more double-crossing? Or a taste of revenge? Jay Baruchel and Terence Stamp co-star in this twisty-turny movie that mixes laughs with intrigue, crime with revenge to present an original and offbeat heist flick.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama

Battle of the Year

Director. Benson Lee

Stars. Josh Holloway, Chris Brown

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In what is a fictional reimagining of his own documentary Planet B-Boy (which he conveniently references throughout), Benson Lee's Battle of the Year tells the story of an American breakdancing "dream team" who compete against odds for the world's title. With predictably formulaic plotting and characters as cardboard as a breakdancer's podium, Battle at least has some amazing dance and choreography. It's just too bad those sequences appear edited together by a speed-freak with a penchant for cutaways.

STEVE GOW

Crime/Drama

A Single Shot

Director. David M. Rosenthal

Stars. Sam Rockwell, William H. Macy

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Has anybody in the movies ever happened upon a large sum of money and gone on to live happily ever after? Things haven't been going well for John Moon (Sam Rockwell). He's been bouncing from job to job ever since the bank foreclosed on his farm, spending occasional weekends in jail whenever he gets caught poaching deer up at the nature conservancy. Life goes from crummy to downright miserable when another illegal hunting trip ends with John accidentally shooting a young woman dead. There are plenty of grimy characters but precious little suspense. **SEAN BURNS**

Documentary

Salinger

Director. Shane Salerno

Stars. Philip Seymour Hoffman, Edward Norton

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Documentaries on artists need not necessarily resemble their subjects' work. But it's unlikely that there's a film about J.D. Salinger that the author would have hated more than Salinger, stylistically speaking. This is a standard expository doc of overly dramatic music cues, filled with constant inserts of an actor furiously typing away while chain-smoking. It's the kind of film that would have inspired rude words from his most signature creation.

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Riddick (18A) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:25-10:10 Sat 11-1:45-4:30-7:25-10:10 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:20-10:05
Rush (STC) No Passes Thu 9:30
The Smurfs 2 (G) Fri 2:35-5:25 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:35-5:25 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45
Swan Lake Mariinsky Live 3D (STC) Sun 12:55
We're the Millers (14A) Fri 1:45-4:20-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:40-4:55-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:40-4:20-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:20-6:55-9:30
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Pompeii From the British Museum (PG) Wed 8
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Herbert Grönemeyer is one of the most popular musicians in his home country of Germany, having sold more than 13 million albums. But the venues he's playing on his first North American tour are decidedly more humble, and he's OK with that.

"You play in a way in front of people that haven't heard you before," he says.

"You have to focus much more on the music and convince the people that night and it brings you back to the roots where you actually started."

His sharp voice cuts through the fog of dark arrangements on his most recent release, I Walk, which is sung in English.

For comparison, think Steve Winwood or Peter Gabriel

"There's a certain melancholic taste to it," he acknowledges, "but I'm a very optimistic person and when we play, we're very outgoing and quite energetic."

Herbert Grönemeyer. CONTRIBUTED

The first song on the album is Mensch, which he has reason to imbue with melancholy.

"I had quite a catastrophe in my life in the late '90s," he says.

"My brother and my wife died in the same week, and I'm very much a people-person, and my father was a very strong person and he always said, 'the only thing that carries you through life is your friends, just be careful to always look after them.' And in this moment of tough times, it proved exactly right.

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3 songs for the weekend

SOUND CHECK
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Thanks, Internet, for being a repository of all that's cool and weird.

Fragile Friend/ Radiohead

Actually, this is by On a Friday, the name Radiohead traded under in their early days. The 1986 demo cassette from whence this came is now up for auction with an expected selling price of $2,500.

Enter Sandman (Bluegrass version)/Iron Horse

A truly great song lends itself to being successful interpreted by different people using different styles. Here's proof.

Wrecking Ball (Nicolas Cage version)/Miley Cyrus

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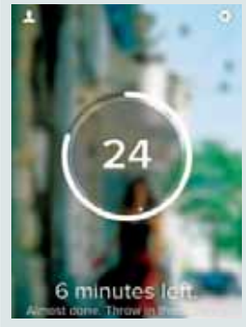

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Musical tribute to Kerouac in pipeline

Family affair. Author's nephew Jim Sampas pulled together various rockers to compile album dedicated to Tristessa

Several indie rockers have collaborated on a disc that pays tribute to a Jack Kerouac novel — and it's not On the Road.

The album, which features artists like The Low Anthem, William Fitzsimmons, Lee Ranaldo of Sonic Youth and Tony Dekker of The Great Lake Swimmers, is based on Kerouac's novel Tristessa, about a drug-addicted Mexican prostitute.

The project was pulled together by Jim Sampas, a producer who has specialized in musical tributes. He has made albums with artists interpreting songs on Bob Dylan's Bringing It All Back Home, Bruce Springsteen's Nebraska and the Beatles' Rubber Soul. He's also a nephew of Kerouac, who died in 1969.

Shout out to the bibliophiles

"Despite what everyone says, there are a lot of people who still read books out there. I hope there's a resurgence of awareness about Kerouac."

Peter Bradley Adams
One of the artists who recorded a song for the tribute

Sampas also produced the documentary One Fast Move Or I'm Gone: Kerouac's Big Sur and accompanying album featuring Jay Farrar of Son Volt and Ben Gibbard of Death Cab For Cutie. The response to those projects encouraged him to further explore the musical possibilities around his uncle's work.

"There's a musicality in both his prose and poetry that worked well," he said.

A few of the participating artists followed Sampas' suggestion and recorded songs using the novelist's own words for lyrics. Others were inspired by the story, he said.

Peter Bradley Adams, one of the artists who recorded a song for the tribute, wrote his own lyrics for She Has to Come Down.

He's a Kerouac fan but said he didn't know Tristessa until Sampas contacted him. "I read it and really responded to it," Adams said. "It's a really fun, cool project to do."

The disc, released this week by the Boston-area firm Reimagine Music, features 19 singer-songwriters and is named Esperanza: Songs From Jack Kerouac's Tristessa. Esperanza is said to be the real name of the woman who was Kerouac's inspiration for the story.

"Despite what everyone says, there are a lot of people who still read books out there," Adams said. "I hope there's a resurgence of awareness about Kerouac."

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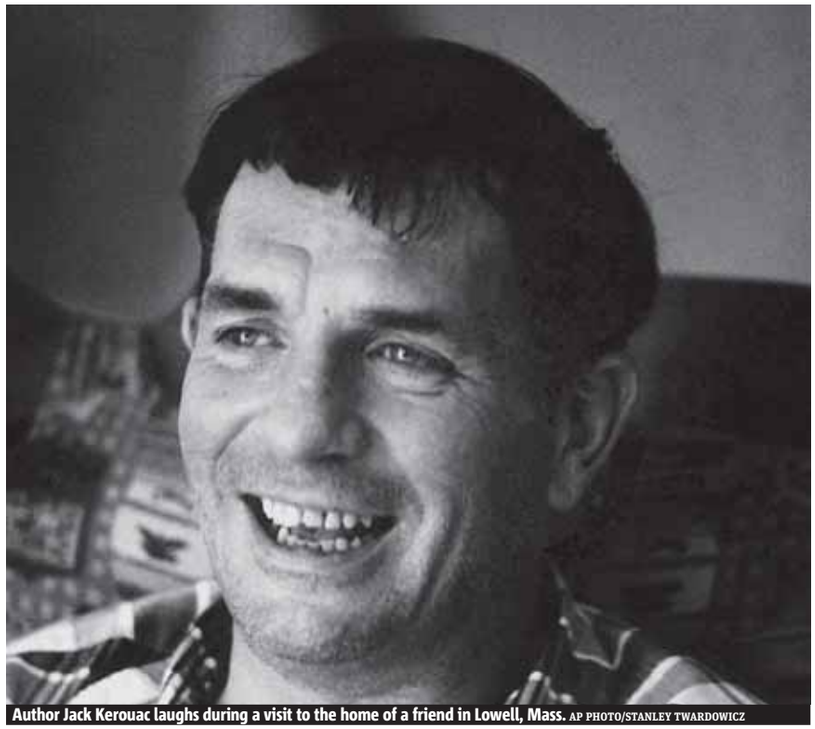
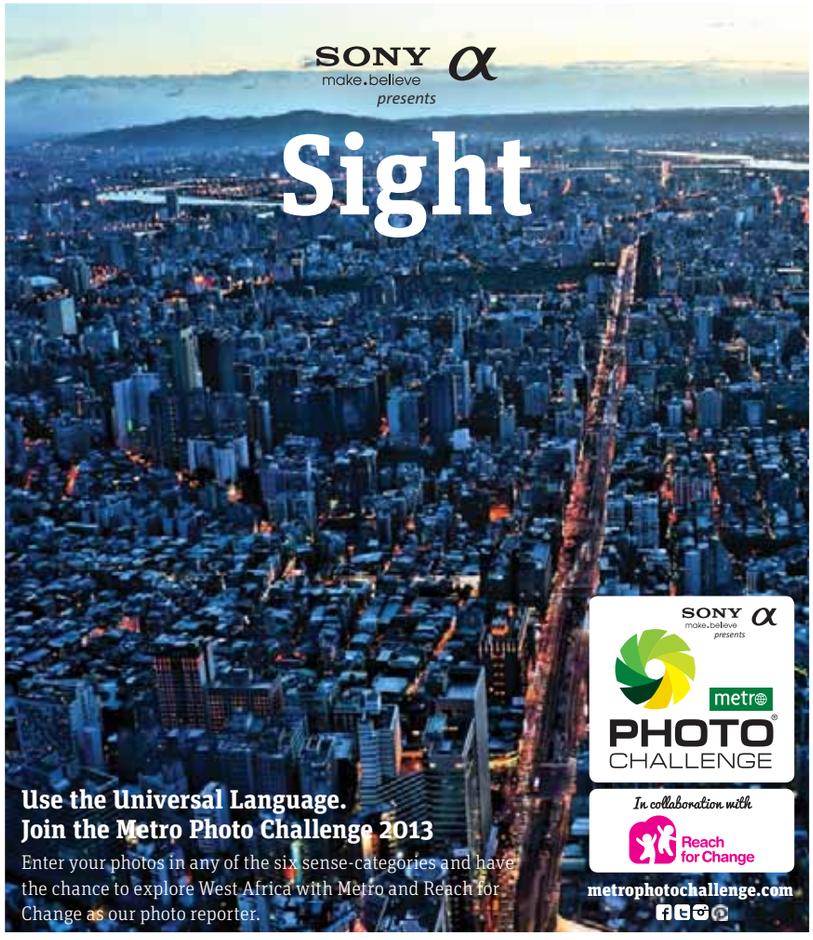


Author Jack Kerouac laughs during a visit to the home of a friend in Lowell, Mass. AP PHOTO/STANLEY TWARDOWICZ



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The wondrous life of Junot Diaz

New book. Writer explores immigrant experience in This Is How You Lose Her

He has won a Pulitzer, teaches Americans how to write at MIT and his Spanish-sprinkled stories have been acclaimed in the United States.

But Junot Diaz, who arrived from the Dominican Republic at the age of six, says he has never stopped feeling like an immigrant.

And he thinks the idea of immigration reform is as romantic as the coming of Jesus.

"I am not a believer so I don't know," he said with skepticism in a recent interview.

"I hope he comes for whoever believes in him. And it's the same thing (with immigration reform)," he added. "I haven't seen much either from our political leadership or from our president. ... I don't know, to me, when I see it, I'll believe it. I can simply say that what I've seen most concretely is an immense hostility toward immigrants and an immense disrespect for everything that we do for this country."

Diaz, who received the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2008 for his debut novel, The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, and who teaches creative writing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is promoting the Spanish and paperback editions of his most recent book, This Is How You Lose Her, a collection of short stories about love, sex and estrangement that, like his previous work, gives the reader a look inside the immigrant experience.

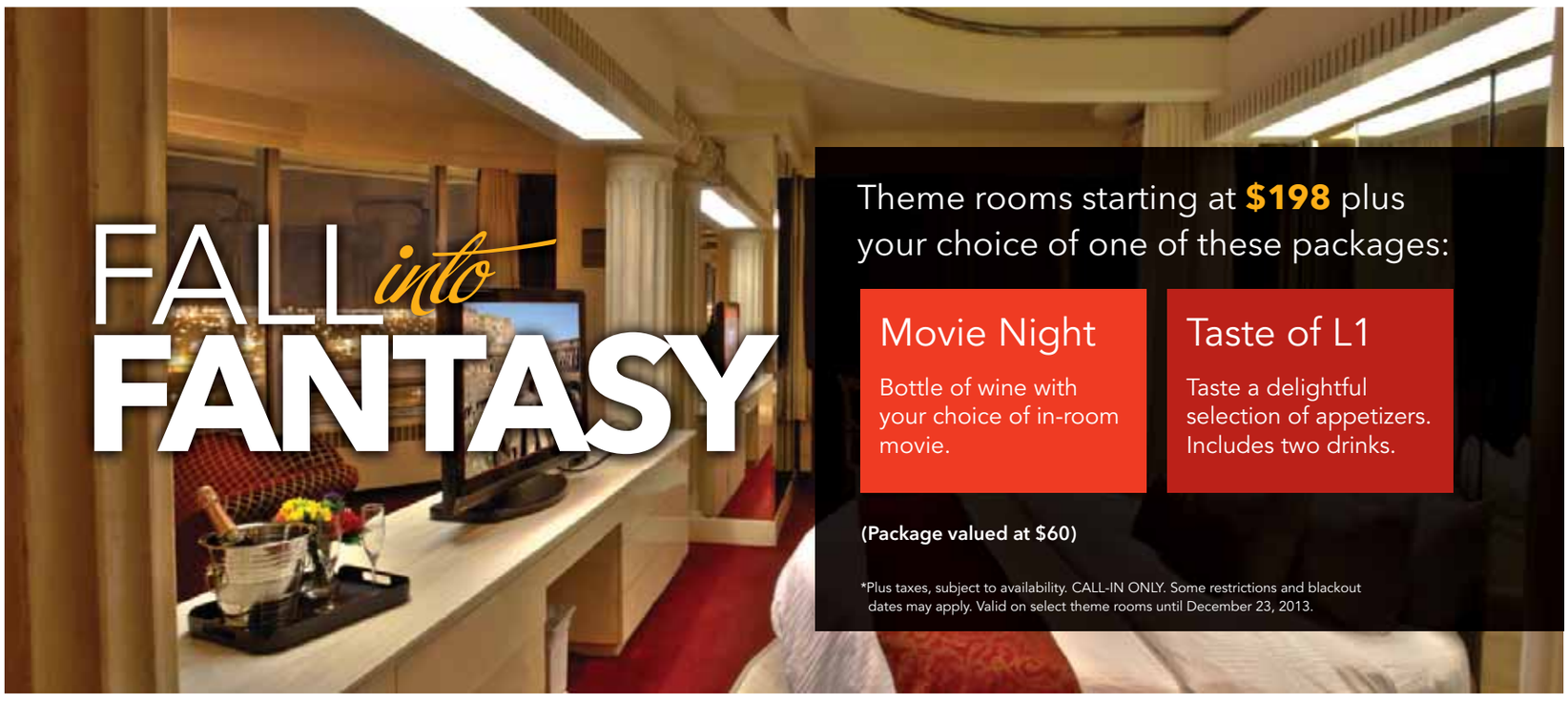
"I'm not certain that anyone stops being an immigrant. With that said, I certainly never stopped being one," Diaz said. "I think most people have very little experience about the internal lives of immigrants and the reality of immigration. We have a lot of myths about it, and boy do we love our myths. We assume that immigration is a deficiency that can be overcome, that there's some strange advance that one makes where one sheds this inadequacy to attain some sort of national purity."

The author, 44, also said that the rush to "overcome the immigrant" is a reflection of how immigrants and the process of immigration make people uncomfortable, something that is also reflected in a term he finds "sloppy": Spanglish.

Asked what he thought about what some Spanish scholars fear is the deformation of the language in the United States, he said he's more interested in the fact that today the U.S. has a massive bilingual community that is constantly replenished with the arrival of new immigrants in a way not seen in recent history.

"And the ability of the community to actively borrow from their vocabulary! You have Colombians being influenced by Venezuelans in the United States. You have Salvadorans being influenced by Puerto Ricans, you have Mexicans," he said. "We have multiple Spanishes and I think people are becoming multiply fluent." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Junot Diaz is a finalist for a National Book Award in the U.S. for his book This is How You Lose Her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Sitcom pays homage to the past

The Goldbergs. New series based on archive of VHS tapes from writer's childhood

From left, Jeff Garlin, Wendi McLendon-Covey, George Segal, Troy Gentile, Sean Giambrone and Hayley Orrantia in a scene from The Goldbergs, a new sitcom premiering Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 9 p.m. ET. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From I Love Lucy at the dawn of TV, through Roseanne and Seinfeld and scores of long-forgotten shows, situation comedy has found inspiration in the lives of its creators.

But few sitcoms have been more autobiographical than The Goldbergs, which draws on the childhood and high-decibel domestic life of Adam Goldberg, who grew up to be an actor, director and producer.

But before that, as this show reveals amusingly, was a pint-sized videographer, capturing the hijinks of his home life as a preteen with his family's shoebox-sized VHS camcorder.

This was the 1980s, a simpler time when "there were no parenting blogs or peanut allergies," as the show notes wistfully, "just a whole lot of crazy."

Now the archive of tapes young Adam recorded (along with vivid memories he retains as an adult) propel The Goldbergs, a full-throated, funny and oddly charming comedy that serves as a timeless homage to child-raising.

"This is how you communicate: You scream and yell and a minute later everything is fine," says Goldberg, summing up his family's policy. "Then you move on."

And since there are more than 100 tapes reaching all the way into Goldberg's college years with his family, there will be no shortage of source material if the show catches on. (It premieres Tuesday at 9 p.m. ET on ABC.)

Goldberg says he nursed the idea for the show for years.

"For a long time I just wasn't ready to write something so personal about my family," he says. "Then I had kids of my own, and I was able to look at how my parents raised me with some perspective."

Goldberg, now 42 and the father of a 5-year-old boy and a 2-year-old daughter, is ably portrayed as a precocious, camera-wielding 11-year-old by newcomer Sean Giambrone.

Adam's overbearing mother Beverly and gruff, excitable dad Murray are played by Wendi McLendon-Covey (Bridesmaids) and Jeff Garlin (Curb Your Enthusiasm).

Viewers who wonder just how true-to-life the series is will have their doubts eased at the end of the first episode, when snippets from the show unfold alongside clips from Goldberg's tapes that mirror the scripted words and actions.

Goldberg says it was a two-minute sampler of the tapes that helped sell the show to the network, as well as selling certain of the actors on coming aboard.

Goldberg says the family members were initially "wary and nervous" at the notion of a sitcom about them, "but when they took another look at those old tapes, they were very touched: We yelled a lot, but at the end of the day we really loved each other."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Kate Winslet. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kate Winslet is going to stay Kate Winslet

Despite marrying Ned Rocknroll last year, Kate Winslet won't be taking his name, as she "was never going to change my name to Rocknroll," she tells the Telegraph.

And apparently it has nothing to do with how ridiculous her husband's legally changed name might sound.

Winslet reasons that she didn't change her name when married to Jim Threapleton or Sam Mendes, either.

"I quite like Kate Winslet. In fact I think it's very flashy," she says. "I'm proud of my name because I'm one of three girls and we have one boy in our family so essentially the only person who is going to carry the name along is my brother and he doesn't have any children at the moment."

Winslet, who is already mother to Mia Threapleton, 12, and Joe Mendes, 9, is currently pregnant with her first child with Rocknroll.

The Word

It's Dawson's Creek all over again

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Diane Kruger and Joshua Jackson have been together for seven years, making them one of Hollywood's more successful couples. But their first date was so awful, he's lucky he ever got to see her again.

"He thinks he asked me out on a date, which is not true, because I did not agree to that. I agreed to have drinks with him," Kruger said during an appearance on Conan on Tuesday.

Through the power of an eager expression and a clean shirt, Jackson managed to turn drinks into dinner — where, the German beauty says, he talked about himself for an hour and a half, in a restaurant that made her ill.

"It was overgrown with beautiful flowers, to which I had a huge allergic reaction — like really, really bad. I was sneezing and coughing and my eyes were watery."

He took her home in a stinky car his dog had chewed up, and when he went in for the kiss she seriously considered slapping him. All of which answered a burning question I didn't know I had: How much does Joshua Jackson resemble Pacey in real life? Answer: So much!

Lindsay Lohan

Lohan on the straight and narrow

In her post-rehab bid to stay clean, Lindsay Lohan has apparently found the right kind of partner. The troubled starlet is reportedly dating former football player Matt Nordgren, according to Us Weekly.

"He's a great influence on her, and her friends and family love him," a source says. "He's older, a successful businessman and he has been a great friend to her. He's also a Christian and won't drink around her. He's trying to keep her sober and on the straight and narrow. He's really good for her."

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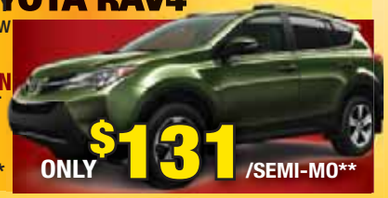

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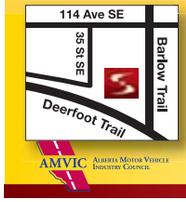

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If I learned one thing about South Africa when I was touring its Cape vineyards a few years ago, it was that its population is gaga for grilling. They love it so much that the country's national holiday is called National Braai Day.

Sosaties is a South African twist on the Mediterranean kebab that typically skewers lamb, apricots and curry powder. Liquid partners don't come easy. Even if it's deployed lightly, the curry makes this dish a wine pairing challenge.

While an off-dry, white wine made with riesling or chenin blanc will hold up well when your plate throws some heat, sauvignon blanc-led white blends are a less conventional, though equally accommodating, choice.

The Beach House 2012 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon ($9.95 to $11.99) combines bright, citrusy flavours with a soft, tropical undercurrent that makes a great mate for shellfish and the spicy side of Sosaties' personality. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

S is for scrumptious South African Sosaties

This recipe, a South African take on kebabs, is a staple of the country's National Braai Day celebrations. COURTESY DISTELL GROUP LIMITED

Braai. The Afrikaans term for barbecue is a custom so prevalent in South Africa that it was given its own holiday. Celebrate on Sept 24.

Ingredients

- 50 ml olive or cooking oil
- 2 large onions, both sliced into broad rings
- One green pepper cut into approx. 2.5 cm squares
- 3 tbsp of smooth apricot jam
- 15 ml wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 crushed bay leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- 1/2 tbsp salt
- 1/2 tsp of pepper
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tbsp curry powder (mild korma to hot madras – the choice is yours)
- 500 g boned leg of lamb, cut into 2.5 cm cubes
- 125 g dried apricots

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan and sauté the onion rings and green pepper blocks until very lightly cooked, making sure the onion rings remain intact. Drain them on absorbent paper.

2. Combine the apricot jam, vinegar, sugar, bay leaves, garlic, salt, pepper, turmeric and curry powder in a ceramic or glass bowl and add the onion rings and green pepper.

3. Add the meat to the mixture and marinate for 24 hours in the fridge, stirring two or three times.

4. If the apricots are not soft, soak them in a little water until plump. You might also want to soak the skewers so that the exposed ends do not burn to charcoal during the cooking process.

5. When you are ready to cook, thread the cubes of meat, apricots, onion rings and peppers onto the skewers. Your barbecue's temperature should be 375 degrees or a medium heat. The recommended cooking time is 6 minutes per side with a half turn at three minutes.

6. Pour the marinade into a saucepan, bring to a boil and keep warm to serve with the sosaties.

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Mussels' coconut milk bath

Ingredients

- 25 ml vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp minced celery
- 1 tbsp minced white onion
- 1 tsp galangal
- 1 tbsp garlic
- 1 tbsp lemongrass minced
- 3 leaves lime leaf torn
- 1 tbsp yellow curry paste
- 1 lb mussels
- 75 ml white wine (Two Oceans Sauvignon Blanc)
- 100 ml coconut milk
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 3 sprigs Thai basil
- 2 sprigs each mint and coriander

1. Heat your potjie (dutch oven) over the barbecue until hot.

2. Add oil, celery, onion, galangal, garlic and lemongrass. Season with salt and pepper. Sweat until onions are transparent. Add lime leaf. Add curry paste and mix with other ingredients.

3. Toss in mussels and white wine and cover potjie. Bring wine to boil. Add coconut milk and simmer covered. Season with salt, pepper again, checking periodically to see when mussels open. When mussels open remove from heat.

4. Add Thai basil, mint and coriander. Serve in your potjie.

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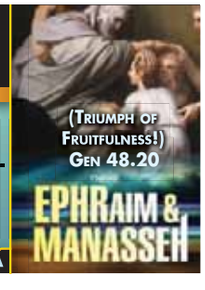

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Phantom Wing Art Show

King Edward School is one of the oldest schools in the city. The empty wing of the building is set for demolition in the near future, but before that happens the space will be used to host an art show of 30-plus artists with larger-scale installations on display along with some live entertainment. From Sept. 24 to 29, everyone is invited out to see how the once-empty wing of the school was re-purposed into the multidisciplinary art space called CSpace. King Edward is located at 1720-30th Ave. SW. The event is free. Visit phantomwing.wordpress.com.

Hell or High Water Charity Rodeo

On Saturday and Sunday, the Hell or High Water charity rodeo will be taking place at the Millarville Race track. The charity proceeds will go toward flood relief efforts for Alberta residents who were affected by the flooding this summer. The event will feature both professional and local rodeo talent, including Denny Phipps, Logan Bird and Slim Weegar. There will be barrel racing, steer wrestling, bull riding and activities for the kids on Sunday. The event is from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are $15. For more info, visit hellorhighwaterrodeo.com.

Calgary International Film Fest

CIFF takes place from Friday to Sunday Sept. 29. Check out calgaryfilm.com for movie listings, tickets and show times; the two main venues are The Globe (617-8th Ave. SW) and Eau Claire (200 Barclay Parade SW). This year's Green Carpet Gala film is The Last Ocean, and the director will be coming from New Zealand for the screening on Monday. The film is about the race to save the last pristine eco-system, the Ross Sea. The sea is fished for Chilean Sea Bass and is being destroyed as a result.

Doors Open YYC

This is your chance to get through closed doors and see what goes on behind the scenes. Have you ever wondered what happens in a water treatment facility? Looking for an excuse to check out the Calgary Tower? Visit some of Calgary's most iconic buildings, including the Lougheed House, the National Music Centre and the Colonel Walker House in Inglewood. This event is free. To see a full list of venues and a map of each venue's location, visit doorsopenyyc.org. The event runs from Friday Sept. 27 to Sunday Sept. 29.

Mandala at Fort Calgary

Tibetan monk Tenzin Tsundu-la is set to create a Green Tara Mandala for those in Calgary who were impacted by the flood of 2013. The mandala will be created during the week of Sept. 20 to 27. A ceremony at the Bow River is set for Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. It is said that creating mandalas helps stabilize, integrate and re-order inner life. Green Tara sits with one foot in the meditation posture and one foot in the world, which reflects modern-day contemplative life. For more details, check out fortcalgary.com.

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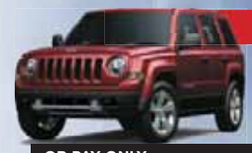

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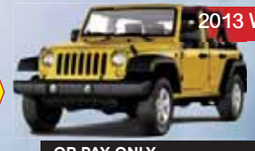

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Golf

Stenson opens strong at Tour Championship

Henrik Stenson ran off five birdies over a six-hole stretch on the front nine at the Tour Championship Thursday on his way to a 6-under 64 and a one-shot lead over Masters champion Adam Scott after the first round. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Henrik Stenson led the Tour Championship after Round 1 on Thursday at East Lake in Atlanta. GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Encarnacion's surgery a success, Blue Jays say

First baseman Edwin Encarnacion of the Toronto Blue Jays underwent successful surgery Thursday to clean up cartilage in his left wrist.

The all-star slugger had the procedure done in Cleveland, Jays manager John Gibbons said Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tennis

Back injury closes curtain on Murray's season

Wimbledon champion Andy Murray will have minor surgery on a long-standing back problem and is set to miss the rest of the season, his management company announced Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I am definitely reconsidering.... My fans especially have really voiced their concern about me retiring."

Usain Bolt backtracking on his retirement plans on Thursday. Less than three weeks ago, the Olympic champion said he planned to stop sprinting after the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Penguins pull off pre-season win over champs

Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Tomas Vokoun can't reach the puck on a goal by the Blackhawks' Brandon Bollig on Thursday night in Chicago. The Penguins recovered after giving up a two-goal lead with Beau Bennett scoring the lone goal in the shootout to cap a 4-3 win. NAM Y. HUH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jones covers trinity of topics ahead of UFC 165

MMA. Champ talks faith, sponsors and beating Gustafsson

A smiling Jon (Bones) Jones walked on to a makeshift stage Thursday to confront underdog challenger Alexander (The Mauler) Gustafsson.

Always thinking of a new angle, Jones was wielding a smartphone in front of him. His view of the square-off would soon be posted on Instagram, the UFC light-heavyweight champion told the media in front of him.

Jones (18-1) took to social media soon after, managing to squeeze a biblical verse, Nike and Gatorade into the same tweet.

"There is nothing special about me, I just work extremely hard," he wrote. "Anything can happen."

A picture below showed a smiling Jones, a Nike swoosh prominent on his hoodie, pointing to a bottle of Gatorade — his latest sponsor. To further make his point, he added Philippians 4:13 and the hashtags for both companies.

Fighter, man of faith and six-foot-four, 205-pound billboard, Jones is currently the brightest star in mixed martial arts.

A victory at UFC 165 Saturday and Jones will set the record for most consecutive title defences (six) in UFC light-heavyweight history. He already holds the record for most submissions (five) by a light-heavyweight and is tied for most finishes (nine).

About the only people who believe Gustafsson can win are those in the challengers' camp.

Gustafsson, a lanky, likable Swede with battered ears, doesn't think he is being disrespected.

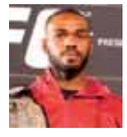
"Not at all. I don't take anything personally. I don't read too much. I don't think too much. I'm going to go in there and shock the world on Saturday," he said.

Jones, 26, believes this defence will go the way of all the others.

"I think I have a lot more tools in this fight to win the fight," he said.

The bookies have made Jones anywhere from a 9-1 to 20-1 favourite to beat Gustafsson. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Not impressed



"He's a good puncher, he has pretty good footwork. Not a great boxer."

UFC light-heavyweight champion Jon Jones, who seemed less than impressed by Alexander Gustafsson's striking at Thursday's press conference.

NHL. Oilers ensure RNH a part of offensive future

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins signed a seven-year deal with the Oilers on Thursday. DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Edmonton Oilers took another step in locking up their young core on Thursday by signing Ryan Nugent-Hopkins to a seven-year contract.

Nugent-Hopkins got $42 million US, the same amount the Oilers gave Taylor Hall on his seven-year deal. The $6-million cap hit is also the same as Jordan Eberle's, making for uniformity among Edmonton's top young forwards.

Nugent-Hopkins, the first pick in the 2011 draft, has 22 goals and 54 assists in 102 career NHL games. His extension starts in the 2014-15 season.

The Oilers have just over $41 million of salary-cap commitments to 10 players for next season. That does not include a new deal for defenceman Justin Schultz. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Dodgers are baseball's comeback story of 2013

Bouncing back.
Dodgers went on 42-8 run to go from last place to a division title

The Los Angeles Dodgers soaked everyone in sight with champagne in the clubhouse. Many players raced back out for a celebratory dip in Arizona's Chase Field swimming pool.

From last place to an NL West title in less than three months, they sure let loose.

Burdened by high expectations and a horrible start, the Dodgers relieved their pent-up pressure with a joyful celebration after becoming the first team this year to clinch a playoff spot. Hanley Ramirez homered twice as they rallied to beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-6 on Thursday.

"I want to keep going," Ramirez said. "I think that we've got a couple of more steps to do. We've got to keep working and stay together all the way through to the end."

Ramirez was back in the lineup after being sidelined five of six games with an irritated nerve in his lower back. He's played 1,090 regular-season games but will be making his first trip to the post-season.

Despite an NL-high payroll of $214 million-plus on opening day, the Dodgers got off to an 30-42 start and were last in the division, 9 1/2 games behind the first-place Diamondbacks, before play on June 22. Los Angeles has gone 58-23 since, including an unreal 42-8 run that coincided mostly with dynamic Cuban defector Yasiel Puig's call-up to the major leagues. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"We've got to keep working and stay together all the way to the end."
Dodgers shortstop Hanley Ramirez

The Dodgers' Matt Kemp celebrates after Thursday's win over the Diamondbacks to clinch the NL West title. MATT YORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Tigers claw back to beat the Mariners

Prince Fielder had three hits and scored the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning on a close play at the plate, leading the Detroit Tigers over the Seattle Mariners 5-4 Thursday.

Detroit trailed 4-3 after Seattle's Dustin Ackley hit a three-run homer in the fifth, but Fielder's RBI single in the seventh tied it. Then he scored from first when Victor Martinez doubled off Charlie Furbush (2-6).

Torii Hunter homered for the Tigers. Doug Fister (13-9) struck out 10 in 7 2/3 innings. Drew Smyly got one out, and Joaquin Benoit pitched a perfect ninth for his 22nd save in 22 chances.

Detroit pushed its AL Central lead to 6 1/2 games.

Second-place Cleveland hosted Houston on Thursday night.
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NFL

Reid succeeds in return to Philly

The look was strange: Andy Reid in all red on the visitors' sideline.

The result was similar to what he gave Philadelphia in his 14 years in charge of the Eagles.

Reid's homecoming as the new Kansas City coach was a smashing success thanks to a dynamic defence that forced five turnovers and sacked a harried Michael Vick six times in the Chiefs' 26-16 victory Thursday night.

Vick even limped off with 1:07 to go after the final sack and fumble, but stayed around to hug Reid following the final play — just after Donnie Avery gave Reid a Gatorade shower on the sideline.

Kansas City, which has not had a giveaway in opening 3-0, has won one more game already than it did in 2012 — when it earned the first-overall draft pick, then hired Reid days after he was fired on the heels of Philly's 4-12 finish. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Tampa Bay	83	69	.546	9
Baltimore	81	71	.533	11
New York	80	73	.523	12½
Toronto	70	82	.461	22

CENTRAL DIVISION

Detroit	89	64	.582	—
Cleveland	83	70	.542	6
Kansas City	80	72	.526	8½
Minnesota	65	86	.430	23
Chicago	60	92	.395	28½

WEST DIVISION

Oakland	89	63	.586	—
Texas	83	69	.546	6
Los Angeles	74	78	.487	15
Seattle	67	86	.438	22½
Houston	51	102	.333	38½

x — clinched playoff berth.

Thursday's results
Toronto 6 N.Y. Yankees 2
Boston 3 Baltimore 1
Cleveland 2 Houston 1 (11 innings)
Detroit 5 Seattle 4
Texas 8 Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota at Oakland
Wednesday's results
Baltimore 5 Boston 3 (12 innings)
Cincinnati 6 Houston 5 (13 innings)
Kansas City 7 Cleveland 2
L.A. Angels 5 Oakland 4 (11 innings)
Minnesota 4 Chicago White Sox 3
N.Y. Yankees 4 Toronto 3
Seattle 8 Detroit 0
Tampa Bay 4 Texas 3 (12 innings)
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
San Francisco (Lincecum 10-13) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 13-13), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Oberholtzer 4-3) at Cleveland (McAllister 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rienzo 2-2) at Detroit (Scherzer 19-3), 7:08 p.m.
Toronto (Rogers 5-7) at Boston (Lester 14-8), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Hammel 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Price 8-8), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Perez 9-5) at Kansas City (Santana 9-9), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Albers 2-3) at Oakland (Colon 16-6), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Ramirez 5-2) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	90	62	.592	—
Washington	82	71	.536	8½
Philadelphia	71	81	.467	19
New York	68	84	.447	22
Miami	56	97	.366	34½

CENTRAL DIVISION

St. Louis	89	64	.582	—
Pittsburgh	88	65	.575	1
Cincinnati	87	66	.569	2
Milwaukee	68	84	.447	20½
Chicago	64	89	.418	25

WEST DIVISION

d-Los Angeles	88	65	.575	—
Arizona	77	75	.507	10½
San Diego	71	81	.467	16½
San Francisco	71	82	.464	17
Colorado	70	84	.455	18½

d — clinched division.

Thursday's results
Chicago Cubs 5 Milwaukee 1
Colorado 7 St. Louis 6 (15 innings)
L.A. Dodgers 7 Arizona 6
Pittsburgh 10 San Diego 1
San Francisco 2 N.Y. Mets 1
Washington 3 Miami 2
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Miami (Turner 3-7) at Washington (Zimmermann 18-8), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Miller 14-9) at Milwaukee (Hellweg 1-4), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Delgado 5-6) at Colorado (Chacin 13-9), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Volquez 9-11) at San Diego (Erlin 2-3), 10:10 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Toronto	11	7	4	0	321	288	14
Hamilton	11	5	6	0	288	303	10
Montreal	11	4	7	0	259	321	8
Winnipeg	11	2	9	0	224	333	4

WEST DIVISION

Calgary	11	9	2	0	346	268	18
Saskatchewan	11	8	3	0	354	258	16
B.C.	11	7	4	0	301	280	14
Edmonton	11	2	9	0	259	301	4

Friday's game — All Times Eastern
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
Montreal vs. Hamilton (at Moncton), 4 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
B.C. at Saskatchewan, 4:30 p.m.

NFL

Thursday's result
Kansas City 26 Philadelphia 16
Sunday's games — All Times Eastern
Tampa Bay at New England, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Arizona at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 4:25 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's game
Oakland at Denver, 8:40 p.m.

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Friday's game — All times Eastern
Colorado at Portland, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Vancouver at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Chivas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
It'd be smart to keep your opinions to yourself over the next 24 hours, but it's unlikely you will. Maybe it's for the best. Maybe it's time you lay down the law. But make sure you stick to the law too.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You're not allowed to fail. At least that's what you tell yourself. The planets say different — they say you're human like everyone else.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Mercury, your ruler, is at odds with Pluto, planet of excess, which means you will most likely open your mouth and put both feet in it — again. Just be careful what you say does not cost you some serious money.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You want to be totally honest but you fear that if you speak your mind it will be taken as a declaration of war by certain people. What of it? That's their problem, not yours. Speak up.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There is something that needs to be cut out of your life and if you don't get rid of it now, you may be stuck with it forever. Pluto power will help you to be ruthless today.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may be in the minority as far as certain viewpoints are concerned but according to the planets you are on the side of the angels, so stop worrying about what others might think and do what you know to be right.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Libra is a cardinal sign, which among other things means you enjoy arguing about controversial issues. Today though, you must make sure that all your facts are just that.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You'll shock people with what you say, and with the forthright way in which you say it. Pluto, your ruler, is moving in your favour again, so chances are you'll get away with it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Why are you so scared to make contact with new people? Whatever the reason, get over it because you will meet some interesting characters today — the kind who can open doors and swell your bank balance.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You have every right to express your opinions but don't forget others have a right to disagree with you. Some of the feedback you get today may not be favourable but it will make you think and that's good.

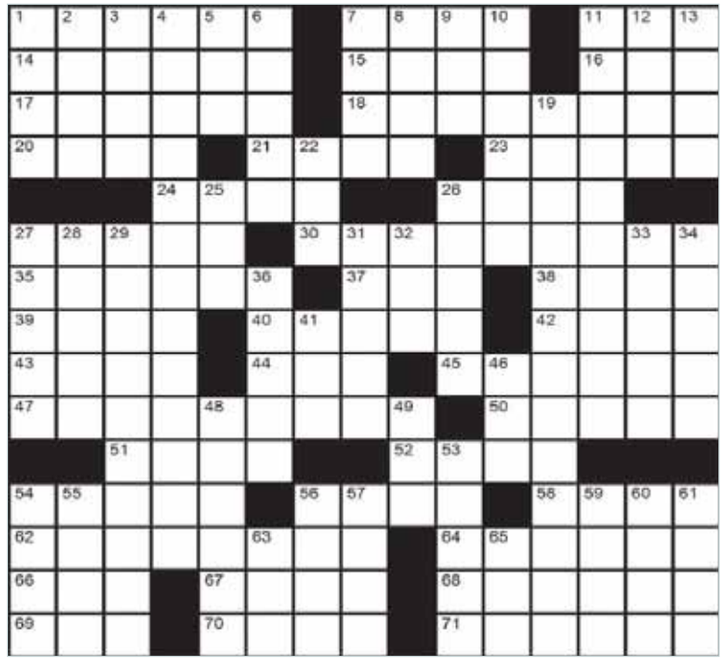
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to get bogged down in details. Once you look closely at one thing, you will start looking closely at everything, and there's just no need. You're a "big picture" person, so leave the small stuff to others.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't waste time explaining to others why you decided on a certain course of action. Either they don't understand or they think it will inconvenience them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



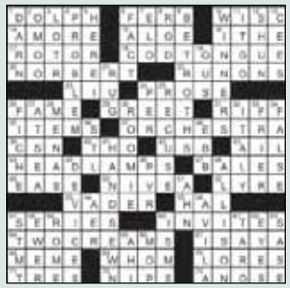
Across

1. Canuck songs, TV shows, etc.
7. "Friends" hangout, Central __
11. Alphabet sequence
14. Baltimore baseball player
15.Port of Yemen
16. "__-hoo!"
17. Fabric kind
18i. How spies conduct their business: 2 wds.
20. Being, in Latin
21. Canned fish
23. Sch. subject
24. Mr. Orbison's
26. Schooling [abbr.]
27. More knowing
30. Pumice and emery
35. Musical pieces for Chopin
37. Tennis term
38. Expression of relief
39. Dig
40. Create on a loom
42. Fringe
43. "I'm cooold!"
44. Jackie O's hubby
45. Don Juan types
47. Winnipeg-born comedian David
50. Ms. Reid of "King of Kensington"
51. Citrus drinks
52. Scandinavian rugs
54.Wife of Hagar the Horrible
56. Greek Myth: Earth goddess [var. sp.]
58. Salts: French
62. Brief opera solos
64. Juno-winning group, The __' Jennys
66. Shuttle's docked-to-thingy [acronym]
67. Mr. Estrada
68. Canadian actress/director Sarah
69. Finished with work [abbr.]
70. Sisters
71. Cookie bag row

Down

1. Whale __ (Nunavut hamlet)
2. Ancient Greece's war god
3. Naughts
4. Hartland, NB is home to the world's longest what?: 2 wds.
5. Grand __ Opry
6. Mesh-like
7. Anguish
8. Purple-haired persona, Dame __
9. Home base, for short
10. Works the dough
11. Song on YouTube displaying all the words: 2 wds.
12. __ & Chandon Champagne
13. Chris of "The Good Wife"
19. Tomahawk, in modern day warfare: 2 wds.
22. Can. neighbour
25. Sort of deposit
26. Meal's consumer
27. "Dragnet" star Jack, and others
28. "But is __ __?" (Query about an abstract painting, perhaps)
29. Salvador Dali, for one
31. Tony __ (Former British PM)
32. Race the motor
33. Incite: 2 wds.
34. "__ _ Lady" by Tom Jones
36. Q-Tips, for example
41. Yore's 'before'
46. "Son __ gun!": 2 wds.
48. Make more organized
49. Athens' country, to the IOC
53. Woof-woofs whiningly
54. Salon's styled stuff
55. Highlands tongue
56. Acquire
57. Calls for
59. Reese's "Legally Blonde" (2001) role
60. Mr. Schreiber
61. Fort McMurray waterway
63. Writer Mr. Capote, to pals
65. Part of Time Warner's name, once

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

5	3						8	1
		9	4			2		
8			5		9			
2				7		8	3	
				5				
	7	8		6				5
			8		6			4
		7			5	1		
4	1						2	8

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	3	8	2	9	4	7	1	6
2	4	6	1	3	7	9	5	8
9	7	1	6	8	5	2	3	4
6	1	4	5	7	9	3	8	2
7	8	9	3	2	1	6	4	5
3	2	5	4	6	8	1	7	9
4	5	7	9	1	2	8	6	3
1	6	2	8	5	3	4	9	7
8	9	3	7	4	6	5	2	1

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